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CONMAN JAILED OVER LAND 'LIES'

Report by Megan Archer

A FRAUDSTER from Wolverhampton has been jailed after pocketing more than £5,000 from a trusting homeowner.

A customer arranged to meet Harjit Singh Marwaha to discuss plans for a single-level extension on land adjacent to his property.

Marwaha began to charge the man for a number of services that were not undertaken, not required, or did not need a fee to be paid.

He also provided the customer with false information stating Birmingham City Council had approved planning permission to build on a piece of land next door for a new property.

The customer had taken out a loan for £26,000 for the works before discovering planning permission was not approved by the council, the land was not for sale, and could not be built upon.

A resident reported Marwaha's fraudulent services to Wolverhampton Council's Trading Standards team who discovered they had history with the repeat offender.

Compensation

Marwaha, at Wolverhampton Magistrates Court, admitted three counts of fraud and six counts of consumer protection from unfair trading regulations.

Marwaha will serve 17 weeks in prison with 12 months supervision after release. He was directed by the court to pay the victim £3,000 for compensation.

Marwaha has previously been prosecuted for Fraud Act and Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations in 2013 and again in 2016.

He changed his name by deed poll to 'Manmohan Singh' and regularly uses the name 'Michael Singh' in a bid to hide his fraudulent history. He also set up a new limited company 'McLaran Ltd' using the name Mr Manmohan Singh.

Councillor Steve Evans, cabinet member for city environment at Wolverhampton Council said: "I'm pleased a level of justice has been served.

"Fraudsters cause a huge amount of stress to the victims who are putting their trust in someone to make improvements to their home, only to be badly let down and repeatedly lied to."

JESSICA CAN-CAN BE A MOULIN ROUGE STAR

Jessica Till was given four weeks of intensive rehearsal sessions to learn all the choreography

SHE grew up in the shadow of Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre. But now dancer Jessica Till has made it to the bright lights of Paris after landing a starring role with the world's most famous cabaret.

Jessica, aged 19, has made it to the mythical stage of the Moulin Rouge and has settled down in Paris.

The teenager has become a showgirl after dazzling show bosses with her flawless dance technique. The performer said she was thrilled and had grown up dreaming of featuring in the greatest show on earth, adding; "When I saw the movie Moulin Rouge from Baz Luhrmann for the first time I fell in love with the cabaret.

"I then discovered the show and automatically knew that it was what I wanted to do. Dancing has always been the thing I enjoyed most since I was a child, and as a first job, it's a dream come true. I love the French can-can, it is so much fun to watch and perform because the energy on stage and in the audience is so high."

Bosses at the Moulin Rouge say Jessica has been the perfect fit and has been a beautiful addition to the show. She has brought a high degree of professionalism and great skills, having trained at Northern Ballet School in Manchester.

The Moulin Rouge has a cast of 60 artists who come from 14 different countries.

Jessica was given four weeks of intensive rehearsal sessions to learn all the choreography and master the French can can and she is now performing 12 times a week in the current show, Féerie.

The show is watched by 600,000 spectators every year from all around the world.

PRISON

Troubled G4S in battle over control

UNDER-FIRE security firm G4S faces a battle to hang on to its other prisons after losing control of the troubled HMP Birmingham.

The Winson Green jail has been taken into government control after a damning inspection.

Now, MP Emma Reynolds is questioning whether HMP Oakwood, near Wolverhampton, which houses more than 2,000 inmates, should also be taken back by the Ministry of Justice.

G4S was stripped of control of HMP Birmingham following rising violence and widespread drug abuse. Prisons minister Rory Stewart said 'drastic action' was needed to rescue HMP Birmingham.

SURVEY

City is second worst – no way!

WOLVERHAMPTON is one of the most disliked cities in the country, according to a new study.

It was ranked second from bottom after a national poll asked 55,000 people about their perception of UK places. Only Bradford fared worse than Wolverhampton, which was 56 out of 57. But Wolverhampton's mayor Councillor Phil Page leapt to its defence saying: "We are on the up with more than £3.7 billion of investment on the way."

HELICOPTER

Axe-wielding man in raid on Co-op

AN axe-wielding robber targeted a Co-op in Wolverhampton.

Workers were left stunned as the armed crook went into the shop on Stafford Road, Oxley, and demanded cash at around 10.30am on Sunday.

He fled with the money before police arrived. A police helicopter hovered over the area as the hunt was launched.

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City site safe as Homebase swings axe

To stay – city store

THE Woverhampton store has escaped the axe as Homebase presses ahead with a wave of store closures that will see 42 DIY outlets shut, putting around 1,500 jobs at risk.

Further afield Solihull and Droitwich will lose their branches in the latest cull, but the stores in Cannock, Oldbury, Kidderminster, Telford, Market Drayton and Birmingham have all been spared.

The retailer is closing the stores via a Company Voluntary Arrangement, an insolvency procedure used by struggling firms to shut under-performing shops.

Homebase boss Damian McGloughlin said: "Launching a CVA has been a difficult decision and one that we have not taken lightly.

"Homebase has been one of the most recognisable retail brands for almost 40 years, but the reality is we need to continue to take decisive action to address the under-performance of the business and deal with the burden of our cost base, as well as to protect thousands of jobs.

"The CVA is therefore an essential measure for the business to take and will enable us to refocus our operations and rebuild our offer for the years ahead."

The firm said it would try to redeploy affected staff. The CVA will require the support of landlords.

It was reported in June that Homebase was exploring further store closures through the procedure. The latest restructuring would come on top of a store closure programme being carried out since February.

Sixteen Homebase stores have been shut this year and the business has also axed 303 jobs at its head office in Milton Keynes.

Online fiasco – but flagship store saved

HOUSE of Fraser has apologised to customers after cancelling all orders placed online.

Meanwhile there was good news as it was announced that the flagship store on London's Oxford Street has been saved from closure.

This is the first deal to be agreed on a House of Fraser store since Sports Direct stepped in earlier this month. The retailer is yet to decide on the fate of its all its stores, including Wolverhampton's Beatties.

There have been protests after the retailer wiped out all orders that had not already been sent out and said it would be issuing refunds.

The move comes after the chain's website was taken offline amid complaints from customers about delayed deliveries since the company was bought by Sports Direct.

Option

The issue reportedly stemmed from a dispute involving employees at a key warehouse.

House of Fraser said it had seen "significant delays" with delivering online orders.

"Since we cannot give our customers clear assurances of when their orders will be delivered, we believe cancellation is the best option.

"Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience caused."

The announcement was met with dismay by some customers who had placed orders.

One said on Twitter: "Absolutely disgraceful. Ordered a £90 purse last Thursday. Yes a week ago for my daughter's birthday. Not one email concerning delivery or info and now order cancelled."

Another said they had been told by email that items from their husband's suit would not be delivered. They tweeted: "This was for our holidays!"

A message posted on the retailer's website said it was 'working hard to make some improvements', telling customers it will be 'back up and running as soon as possible'.

'Lost' plaque from Queen found

Mike Nicholls, of the Wolverhampton Pensioners Convention, helped restore a forgotten plaque about eight years

AN ex-chairman of a former pensioners' group has told of his delight after a missing plaque awarded to them by The Queen was recovered.

Mike Nicholls, of the Wolverhampton Pensioners' Convention, which folded last year, found the forgotten plaque in a skip outside the offices in Clarence Road just under a decade ago. The 78-year-old, from East Park, says the 'Elizabeth R' plaque was awarded before he became involved with the group.

He restored it himself and it was agreed it would be placed next to the council chamber at the Civic Centre. But he claims following the recent refurbishment, the plaque was lost. The authority has now found the plaque and Mr Nicholls is delighted at being reunited with it.

"We wanted the plaque back because we did a lot for this city as the Wolverhampton Pensioners' Convention," said Mr Nicholls.

Number at work in the region hits record high

THE number in work in the West Midlands hit a new record high of 2.79 million in the three months to June.

But numbers claiming unemployment-related benefits surged in the region last month.

There were 133,000 unemployed in the West Midlands – an unemployment rate of 4.5 per cent of the working population – for April to June, down 6,000 on the previous quarter and a fall of 31,000 on the year.

Nationally unemployment was down 65,000 to 1.36m – the lowest total since February 1975 – figures from the Office for National Statistics showed.

Largest

The West Midlands saw the largest increase in the employment rate in the country at 1.2 per cent and its employment rate is now 74.9 per cent, also a record high.

The claimant count, which includes people on Jobseeker's Allowance and the unemployment element of Universal Credit, increased by 6,200 last month to 906,100, almost 108,000 more than a year ago.

For the West Midlands it was up by 875 in July to 101,215 – 2.8 per cent of the working population. Wolverhampton's total rose by 175 to 8,130.

Zoo wallaby in leap to freedom

A THREE-YEAR-OLD wallaby escaped from a zoo near Bridgnorth. Known as Holly, it escaped from Wild Zoological Park, in Bobbington, near Wolverhampton.

Spooked by children, it bashed a hole in the fence and escaped through an open gate.

Zachary Hollinshead, zoo director, said: "We've got a walk through enclosure and there's a marked pathway and kids have gone off the pathway and chased the wallabies. They got spooked and bashed a hole in the fence. Luckily, only one got out.

"Wallabies are grass eating animals. A lot of estates in the UK get them to keep the grass down."

Keepers were earlier this week still working to capture the runaway animal.

Blues duo perform

A NIGHT of blues rock will have groovers moving at The Robin this month.

Ian Parker and Aynsley Lister will be playing in Bilston on August 30 – one of two UK venues they are playing at.

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Victory for campaign over deadly knives sale

THE GOVERNMENT is to review its policy on selling knives after a campaign by our sister daily the Express & Star.

Crime Minister Victoria Atkins announced that a loophole allowing the sale of so-called 'Zombie knives' on the high street is to be investigated by the Home Office.

Almost 6,000 readers signed a petition calling for a ban on deadly blades after a 17-inch knife with a serrated edge was found on sale in a shop in Wolverhampton.

In response, Ms Atkins has now agreed to review legislation, adding she was 'concerned' by the image of the knife, which cost just £13.90.

West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner David Jamieson welcomed the move and pledged to work with the Government in the coming weeks. He said: "These weapons should be banned. I look forward to working closely with the Home Office to get these loopholes closed."

Two years ago the Government outlawed 'Zombie knives' from sale following a previous newspaper campaign. However, retailers got around the ban by selling almost-identical blades which did not feature 'Zombie' images or wording linked to violence. Ms Atkins told Mr Jamieson she is committed to taking action over the issue. She said: "The definition of 'Zombie knives' identifies the

Road closed for work on bridge

DRIVERS face major disruption as part of a roadworks scheme on a busy route.

Several road closures are scheduled between now and October on the Bridgnorth Road, Compton, at the junction with Finchfield Hill, for bridge maintenance work, resulting in drivers facing long diversions.

The road will be closed from 8pm on Saturday until 6am the following Monday before another overnight closure from Monday evening. Further closures are planned for the end of September and the start of October.

Drivers will be diverted up Compton Road West, Compton Road, Chapel Ash, Chapel Ash Island, Chapel Ash, Tettenhall Road and Henwood Road.

Bike thefts alert

WARNINGS have been issued after motorbikes and scooters were stolen.

Police are asking residents to take extra care following thefts from streets surrounding Prestwood Road and New Cross Hospital.

Tycoon shatters kneecap in river plunge

Samuel Leeds

A PROPERTY tycoon cheated death when he hurtled over a waterfall on the River Nile after his boat capsized in rapids.

Millionaire developer Samuel Leeds had a miraculous escape after an aid mission to bring fresh water to African villages turned to disaster.

Mr Leeds shattered his kneecap after plummeting 20ft and landing on rocks. The Wolverhampton entrepreneur, who runs the Leeds Group, based at Hilton Hall in Essington, with his brother and business partner Russell, has been told he will never walk properly again. He said he was 'like a rag doll in the water' when he was found - but knows the outcome could have been much worse.

The 27-year-old, who has rubbed shoulders with the likes of Richard Branson and Alan Sugar, was flung from his boat when it capsized in rapids and sent helplessly towards the rushing waterfall.

He was with his brother and a team of volunteers on a white-water rafting adventure in Uganda, which had been organised in preparation for the harsh conditions they would face on their African trip.

He was hauled into a rescue boat, before being rushed to hospital where he underwent emergency surgery after losing 25 per cent of blood from his knee.

But his ordeal was not over as the anaesthetic failed to work fully at the Ugandan hospital where he had surgery, meaning he was aware of what was going on. Doctors say he will be left with a permanent limp.

Mr Leeds, who snapped up Bewdley mansion Ribbesford House with Russell in May, admitted he feared for his life as he was sucked over the waterfall. He said his ordeal last month was like a 'horror movie'.

"The people from the rafting company said when they saw us fall they thought there would be deaths."

He continued: "I was like a rag doll in the water, getting knocked around by rocks.

Parents in protest over 'danger' walk to school

MORE than 2,000 people have signed a petition calling on Staffordshire County Council to provide free school transport.

Pupils from Codsall High School, aged upwards of 13, who live within three miles have to make their own way to the school, according to government rules.

Campaigners have complained that the route along Heath House Lane is unsafe due to levels of 'debris' and the state of the pavement.

Kathryn Hart, who started the petition, said: "Perton is a village separate from Codsall and regardless of where you live in Perton walking to Codsall is a very dangerous route with lots of obstacles along the way.

"There are no pedestrian crossings to cross the very busy A41 and Heath House Lane is also a very busy road with an extremely narrow footpath which is full of debris. The footpath runs out half way down, whereby you have to cross over the busy road near a bend.

Ongoing

"One week into the summer holidays, the parents of Perton who live under three miles from Codsall High School received notification from Staffordshire County Council that the bus they were originally using had been cancelled and they had to either pay £625 or walk to school.

"I suggested setting up an online petition and within the first few days we had over 1,000 signatures, which showed how the people of Perton felt and we soon realised that this had been an ongoing problem for many years. We are now over 2,000 signatures and it's increasing every day."

Liz Dew, 43, mother of a pupil at the school, said: "Staffordshire County Council has stated that our walking route is safe. There's no independent assessment of the route and therefore it's unfair and biased because the route isn't safe." She is calling for an independent assessment on the safety of the road.

Staffordshire County Council said, in line with government policy, it is not required to provide transport for people within three miles.

Tennant shines in floodlit night race

Andy Tennant tops the podium after riders compete, below, in the floodlit Newport Nocturne

THOUSANDS lined the streets to see top cyclists battle it out in one of the UK's premier races with Wolverhampton rider Andrew Tennant taking first place.

The floodlit Newport Nocturne returned for the first time in four years and saw riders from across the country racing along the cobbled streets.

There were plenty of big names for cycling fans to spot, from Wolverhampton cycling legend Hugh Porter on the microphone to competitors like three-time Olympic gold medallist and five-time world champion Ed Clancy.

But for the first time amateur cyclists were also given the chance to tackle the course, taking part in a race ahead of the elite classes.

Winner Andrew, of the Canyon Eisberg team, completed 24 laps in one hour, three minutes and 11 seconds. He was closely followed by Charles Page, who finished just a quarter of a second later, with Graham Briggs just after him.

NEWS IN BRIEF

90 Debenhams staff facing axe

DEBENHAMS is to swing the axe on up to 90 staff as it enters redundancy talks with hundreds of workers at its fashion and home departments.

The struggling department store chain, which is undergoing a major cost-cutting drive, has put hundreds of roles into redundancy consultation.

The store, with branches in Wolverhampton and Telford, stated: "We announced our intention to restructure our organisation around three business units, beauty services, fashion and home, and food and events earlier this year.

In January the retailer announced plans to ramp up cost savings

Apply for cash, says police chief

COMMUNITY groups in the West Midlands are being urged to bid for a share of money seized from criminals.

The West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner David Jamieson wants groups to bid for a share of the £1 million Active Citizens fund, which is used to help people in the region reduce crime and invest in local community projects.

The money comes from money seized from criminals under the Proceeds of Crime Act. Mr Jamieson said the fund was a vital source for people who want to make their area safer.

House fire family praised for safety

A FIRE service is praising homeowners as they followed campaign advice after a house fire.

Emergency services were called to a house on Turnberry Road in Perton on Sunday evening after the roof caught fire.

The fire was caused by an 'electrical issue' and is not being treated as suspicious.

Staffordshire Fire Service praised the occupants of the house for following their own guidelines in a fire emergency, to get out of the building, stay out and then dial 999.

Off-roaders banned from beauty spots

PLANS to ban nuisance off-road vehicles from a beauty spot in Sedgley have been signed off by council bosses.

Motor vehicles, motorbikes and quad bikes will be banned from 11 beauty spots. These include Milking Bank in Sedgley, Fens Pool Nature Reserve, Mullet Park, Barrow Hill Nature Reserve, Russells Hall and Pensnett Technology College.

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COUNTY NEWS

Shop a Chop Shop campaign launched

POLICE have launched a Shop a Chop Shop campaign following concerns around car key burglaries and car-jackings in the West Midlands.

It comes as vehicle crime has increased over the last two years driven by the demand for parts to repair write-offs, sold as repairable by the insurance industry.

Around five times more vehicles, mainly luxury models are sold at auction as fixable write-offs rather than vehicles to be scrapped for spare parts. It's suspected this is inspiring criminal gangs to steal cars to order for spares. The vehicles are broken down at 'chop shops'.

Fall in identity fraud numbers

IDENTITY fraud has fallen for the first time since 2014 but remains high with more personal information available online, according to a report.

Fraud prevention body Cifas recorded a five per cent drop in identity fraud in the first half of this year compared to the same time last year, falling from 89,199 to 84,463.

There was a 12pc cent fall in the volume of bank accounts being targeted and a 34pc drop in attempts to obtain mobile phone contracts.

But there was a 12pc rise in fraudsters after plastic card accounts, while identity fraud against online retail accounts was up 24pc.

BBC won't appeal the Sir Cliff case

THE BBC has said appealing after losing the High Court case brought by Sir Cliff Richard over its coverage of a police raid on his home 'would inevitably mean an expensive legal cul de sac and one that would simply prolong Sir Cliff's distress'.

It said: "Instead the BBC is writing to ask the Government to consider a review of the law in this important area to protect the right to properly and fairly report criminal investigations, and name the person."

TUC hits out over rail fare increases

THE Trades Union Congress has hit out at rail fare increases and called again for services to return to public ownership.

TUC analysis found that some annual season tickets will go up by up to £163 a year in the latest round of increases.

General Secretary Frances O'Grady said: "This is an insult to hard-pressed commuters."

Maria backs apprenticeships path

Maria Collins and Charles Bamford of IMI Precision Engineering

AN award-winning female apprentice has urged young people to consider the vocational learning route after receiving their exam results.

Maria Collins, who works at the Fradley site of Birmingham-based IMI Precision Engineering, believes apprenticeships offer school or college leavers a fantastic way to accelerate their careers and earn while they are learning towards a possible degree.

The 21-year-old trainee engineer, from Burntwood, is confident this path should no longer be seen as 'the last resort' and points to recent figures from her Ofsted 'Outstanding' training provider In-Comm Training that it could represent a £100,000 opportunity, which equates to the combined amount an apprentice earns in wages and the debt they avoid on university tuition fees. She has just completed a three-year apprenticeship in mechanical engineering and is now setting her sights on securing a degree while developing her practical skills at the world leader in fluid power and motion controls.

"I saw a lot of my older friends get their degrees and then struggle to find jobs so I thought I'd take a look at doing something vocational that would have a position at the end of it," explained Maria, who was named as the 'Outstanding Learner of the Year' at the In-Comm Training Awards in June. It has been a great decision. The experience has been fantastic. I've learned a lot about the basics in engineering, such as milling and turning, and then gradually developed more advanced skills in circuit design and 3D CAD design.

"This was done part-time, with the rest of my week spent working at my employer, getting to know staff and understanding how I could apply these new skills to my own role."

Nerves turn to delight on A-level results day

THE moment of truth came and went for thousands of nervous youngsters across the Black Country and Staffordshire as they opened their A-level results.

Many schools and colleges saw their pass rates rise and happy teenagers were all smiles as they secured places at university. One head teacher at Dudley's Ellowes Hall Sports College was delighted.

Report by Heather Large

Star pupil Olivia Saunders, from Lower Gornal, marked herself as the first pupil to ever achieve two A* grades.

Olivia, aged 18, said: "It feels amazing. I'll be starting in October at the University of Birmingham to study history. After that I'd like to stay on to get my teaching degree."

Charlotte Collins helped continue the college's success streak after achieving an A* in English literature, an A in sociology and a C in psychology. The 18-year-old had to learn to walk again after a battle with scoliosis whilst undergoing her GCSEs – but was determined it wouldn't stop her.

Head Alan Jasper, said he was 'over the moon' with the results, with almost 50 per cent of entries at A2 or equivalent awarded grades A* or A.

Meanwhile, almost half of all students at St Edmund's Catholic Academy in Wolverhampton achieved at least one A* or A grade.

Kyra Martin-Chambers, from Wolverhampton, had battled with sickle-cell anaemia. The 18-year-old even had to do coursework from New Cross Hospital whilst undergoing treatment. But now, thanks to achieving a distinction* in law, merit in health and social care and a D in sociology, the teenager will now be studying adult nursing at Coventry University. She said: "I'm just overjoyed because it has been really hard over the last two years."

More students achieved top grades at St Thomas More Catholic School with the numbers gaining A* to A rising from 9.3 per cent to 16 per cent and the number of students gaining A* to B increasing from 25 to 34 per cent.

There were celebrations at Aldridge School too, where Alesha Peace is off to Oxford University to read classics after achieving an A* in classics and English literature.

Joseph Leckie Academy's Sixth Form was celebrating a 100 per cent pass rate in 21 subjects with successes in both vocational as well as A Level courses.

At Cheslyn Hay Sport and Community High School Sixth Form 99 per cent of students achieved A* to E grades. The number of students achieving the highest qualifications rose again with 36 per cent achieving A*-B.

Success at the double for twins

Sisters Lauren and Charlotte Smith outside the entrance at Q3 Academy in Great Barr

THEY'RE not just twins, they're best friends – and now sisters Lauren and Charlotte Smith are set to continue their adventures together at university.

The siblings left Great Barr's Q3 Academy with beaming smiles and in high spirits after discovering they both secured a place at the University of Exeter.

Family and friends came together for a shindig at the weekend before the pair leave home for higher education on their 19th birthdays.

Charlotte said: "I'm a little nervous but excited. It's definitely been time-consuming but I feel it was all worth it in the end." Lauren managed to scoop three A grades in history, maths and religious education, while Charlotte was awarded two A grades and a B in chemistry, history and maths.

The 18-year-old students said they were happy they secured a place at their first choice of university and will now continue studying side by side.

Lauren said: "We're the best of friends. It's been really good studying together. A lot of people don't have anyone to revise with, but we had each other."

College is celebrating a record in pass rates

STAR performers at Sandwell College were last week celebrating yet another outstanding set of A Level results with their students.

Youngsters at Central Sixth campus once more achieved an impressive 99 per cent pass rate overall, with a 100 per cent pass rate in a record 19 subjects.

Tamara Herrington got A*AA in geography, biology and politics. She is now going to the University of Durham to study politics.

Katy Forrester got A*AA in English language and literature, drama and theatre, and sociology.

She is on her way to Lancaster University to study theatre and English literature.

Kaven Judge is now set to start his higher apprenticeship with KPMG after accomplishing a hat-trick of As in accounting, business and economics. Kaven will be earning a salary and supported to achieve his accounting and finance degree and professional accountancy qualification by the world-leading professional services firm.

Sameer Qadeer also gained triple A grades in biology, chemistry and maths, and David Nemec gained an A,B, and an A. Sameer will be reading medicine at Birmingham University, while David will be studying for his degree in biomedical science at University College London.

Director of Central Sixth and Assistant Principal, Dr Matt Lamb, said: "Due to the recent reforms A Levels are now more challenging than ever before, and so it is a tribute to staff and students to have received these excellent results."

Wide choice in uni places via clearing

YOUNGSTERS who are still seeking university places are likely to face a wealth of choice as institutions scramble to attract good candidates on to their degree courses.

University leaders suggested that there could be more people who are using clearing this year to apply to university for the first time.

A snapshot survey suggested that, even before results were released, more than 26,000 courses were available in clearing for students in England only.

For those looking for degree places through clearing this summer, there are suggestions that they are likely to find it is a buyers' market.

Nine in 10 UK institutions have at least one course listed in clearing, the survey found.

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Rail station rebuild 'not hit by sale of car park'

CITY bosses say the sale of a car park connected to the proposed transport interchange will not impact on the rebuild of the railway station.

The land in Corn Hill was to form part of the £150 million project, providing space for offices, but was bought by a company.

Wolverhampton Council says this setback will have no impact on the viability of the overall scheme. Councillor John Reynolds, cabinet member for city economy, said: "Let me be crystal clear, the new train station is 100 per cent happening.

Hoardings

"Contractors are already on site, the hoardings are up and next month demolition of parts of the old station will begin, followed by the start of construction of the new station.

"The sale of the car park at Corn Hill to a private concern in no way affects the delivery of the new train station, it is a different site.

"It is not uncommon for a public body to be outbid by a private developer, we have a duty to be responsible with taxpayers' money.

"The Corn Hill Site was identified as one with the potential to deliver a scheme with significant jobs, but the masterplan is constantly evolving and we are confident that these job opportunities can still be delivered either here or on other sites in the vicinity."

Regional title for volunteer Richard

A 71-YEAR-OLD man has claimed a regional title for his volunteer work in Uganda.

Richard Shreeve, from Wolverhampton, took the Inspirational Generation title for the West Midlands region because of his 'inspiring' achievements.

McCarthy & Stone, the UK's leading retirement housebuilder, searched the nation for older people who continue to inspire younger generations and found eight winners across the country.

Mr Shreeve, on behalf of Northern Irish charity Hopebuilders, put his skills as a bricklayer to use by helping to provide educational facilities for Ugandan children. His skills have been passed on to former pupils.

Motorcyclist hurt

A MOTORCYCLIST, aged 19, was injured in a collision with a car. Walsall Road, Willenhall, was closed at the Fisher Street junction after the incident at noon last Wednesday. The rider was taken to New Cross Hospital.

Protest over state of derelict baths

Left empty the site is now overgrown

PEOPLE living near a derelict swimming baths are calling for the site to be cleaned up once and for all. Heath Town Baths in Wolverhampton has been closed for 15 years and, despite being earmarked for regeneration, has been left to fall into disrepair.

The Grade II-listed building is on Tudor Road, close to the Holy Trinity Church and surrounded homes, but has been left unused since its closure in 2003.

A number of plans have failed since its closure, including an attempt by three Black Country Olympians to turn it into a sports academy in 2010. Wolverhampton Council also marketed the site as part of its regeneration plans in 2016 but progress has stalled, infuriating residents.

The land is overgrown and is a target for anti-social behaviour. Residents are calling for a solution. They say that the local authority's plans for the building and land still remain unclear.

Neil Prosser, who lives on Tudor Road opposite the site, said: "There are needles, sleeping bags, dirt and faeces everywhere, it's a blight on the area. It's an absolute mess and the council have just washed their hands of it."

"We have pensioners living on this street and they wouldn't want to walk past it at night, it's not safe."

Ward Councillor Milkinderpal Jaspal said: "I don't agree that the area isn't safe. I've never heard about pensioners feeling unsafe there."

I will never forgive him for killing my daughter

THE father of an 11-year-old child bludgeoned to death by her great uncle has said he hates him and will never be able to forgive him.

Speaking after Delroy Forrester had been acquitted of the murder of Jasmine Forrester but found guilty of manslaughter, Simeon Forrester said: "This was the best result available but I still don't feel real justice has been done to an innocent little girl."

The 30-year-old, who has two other children aged 10 and five, added: "People had been telling me to expect a worst case scenario so I came out of court feeling better than I did when I went in.

Delroy Forrester

I would still have liked him to be sent to prison rather than a high security psychiatric hospital but I am not trained to judge cases."

Mr Forrester, who lives on the opposite side of the street to the address where the killing took place, blamed a fractured relationship with many members of his family for him not being alerted to the attack until almost four hours later. He said: "They could have shouted from the doorstep".

Asked about his daughter's killer, Mr Forrester said: "I can never forgive Delroy for what he did. I hate him. From the evidence I have seen I accept that something was wrong with him although I believe those on his side were trying to overplay it for the jury.

"I blame other people more than him. He was seeking help and, while some members of the family did their best to intervene, he was let down by others. They cannot look me in the eye."

Jasmine Forrester had nearly 100 separate sites of injury throughout her body, with over half around her head and neck, following her beating at the hands of Delroy Forrester on February 9, hours after his daughter Tyler called for help from a mental health crisis team at Wolverhampton's Penn Hospital.

Jasmine Forrester was a beautiful child says her father Simeon Forrester

She warned: 'You had better make sure he doesn't kill my nan tonight' when they declined to offer assistance after she told them he was not at risk, the court heard.

Another call made by her to the 111 emergency helpline was also fruitless because staff were unwilling to discuss the case without him either giving permission for the conversation or being present when the call was made. Delroy Forrester, aged 51, had a brain tumour removed in his 30s leaving him with epilepsy. Further recent examination had shown a recurrence of the tumour which was allegedly linked to the mental decline that cost Jasmine her life. Both were staying at the home of his mother Victoria in Kent Road, Parkfields, on the night in question.

Mr Forrester said of his daughter: "She was a beautiful child who was always smiling.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Woman in knife threat to staff

A WOMAN threatened staff at an estate agents with a knife, a court heard.

Terrified workers at Foxtons in London raised the alarm when Patricia Dell-Aquila, of Charter Road, Wolverhampton, brandished the knife and shouted she 'wanted her life back'. Police used CS spray to bring her under control, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

Dell-Aquila admitted possession of a knife and is due to be sentenced at the crown court on August 28.

The court was told the 47-year-old had suffered a 20-year addiction to class A drugs.

Chas & Dave have to cancel city gig

CHAS & Dave have cancelled their gig in Wolverhampton due to illness.

The Diamond Banqueting Suite in Wolverhampton was to host them on October 26, but they have had to pull out. They are due back early 2019.

In a statement, Chas said: "I would say the most depressing thing to have to do is to have to cancel a gig. Fortunately, throughout my career of thousands of gigs with Dave or in other bands these times have been very few and far between."

Chas was cleared of cancer but has been left feeling ill after treatment.

Community hub plan is approved

AN empty industrial unit is to be transformed into community hub after plans were given the green light.

The building in Sutherland Avenue, which formerly housed Trust Hygiene Services, is to become a multi-use facility. Proposed uses include a media centre, conference hall for up to 600 guests, youth club, dance studio and day centre.

Developers also want to use the warehouse, which is near to the Wolverhampton Speedway track, as a community centre for family events and wakes.

Time to register for park memory walk

THE Alzheimer's Society Wolverhampton Fundraising Group is to hold a memory walk next month on September 22 in West Park.

People should meet at the bandstand from 10 am with the walk starting at 11am. There will be no set distance.

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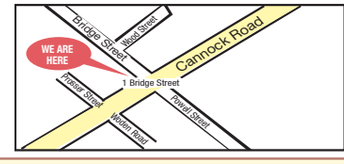

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IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

Unexpected saviour brings hope to Beatties

WHEN questioned about allegations of Dickensian working conditions at his Sports Direct warehouse, Mike Ashley famously told MPs "I'm not Father Christmas. That came shortly after he had told them "you can't house train me."

Given that, many will understandably be sceptical that he is being touted as the knight in shining armour running to the rescue of Beatties.

But still, any port in a storm, and after spending £90 million buying the House of Fraser chain out of administration, Mr Ashley is at least making the right noises about keeping 80 per cent of its stores open, and turning it into the 'Harrods of the high street'.

Many will wonder why Mr Ashley has chosen to invest in such a risky venture at a time when people are said to be deserting the high street in droves. I suspect the purchase is far less about making money, and more about boosting his reputation. Saving a venerable department store chain with a rich history will give him a standing in the business world that no amount of discount sports wear ever will.

If this is the case, there is cause for hope. We all know Mike Ashley is not the sentimental type, but if he is looking at a bigger picture then that can only be a good thing.

As for turning House of Fraser into the Harrods of the high street, well I guess the proof will be in the pudding. If the new autumn collection consists of shell suits and Reeboks, I suspect some will consider it only a partial success.

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STAYING on the high street, it has been revealed that Dudley Council's coffers have taken a £500,000 hit since introducing free parking. Now, in the context of the average household budget, half a million pounds sounds like a lot. But when it comes to council finances, it is a drop in the ocean. About £1.60 per head, which seems pretty good value to me.

Certainly better value than the £6.7 million spent on the market place redevelopment a few years ago. And which do you think brings the most people into the town – free parking or block paving?

Yes the high street is still struggling, but imagine how many more businesses would have been lost were people still expected to pay for parking. And how much money would have been lost in business rates, dealing vandalism, fly posters and graffiti were it not for this modest expenditure?

The decision to provide shoppers with free parking in Dudley was a masterstroke. Maybe some of our other local authorities should follow suit.

Elba statesman – or is 45-year-old actor a solid Bond?

45-year-old Idris Elba, too old for Bond? Whisper it, but Roger Moore was older, aged 46!

Another troubling week for Jeremy Corbyn in the wake of more anti-semitism rumblings

Striking similarities to Jezzer – another Jeremy C, Clarkson, eventually kicked out by the Beeb

Wreathgate may lock Corbyn out for good

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

OFF to the pub for a steak which, in the latest fashion for bizarre methods of serving (chips in buckets, etc), came on a waxed napkin on a breadboard. It was almost impossible to eat because each mouthful of steak contained a serving of napkin but the staff look horrified when I asked them to put it on a proper plate. A reader tells me he was once served a bread roll in a carpet slipper. Any other weird dining experiences welcome.

THE perils of family trees. A reader revisited her home town and called at the local museum in the hope of discovering famous or distinguished relatives. She found a display board used in an exhibition a couple of years ago featuring a Victorian photograph showing her great-great uncle. It should have been a proud moment but the text revealed that "unfortunately his nickname in the village was Farty because his initials were WC". Never meet your heroes.

I SUGGESTED that Idris Elba, now 45, might be a tad old to be embarking on a career as James Bond. A reader points out that the present incumbent, Daniel Craig, is 50. Maybe so. But when he took over the 007 mantle in 2005 Craig was a spry young 37. In Ian Fleming's books, Bond's age is not revealed, and he never ages. However there is a clue in one passage referring to the secret-service retirement age which suggests he is 37.

IN a perfect world for Corbynism, this torrid week of Wreathgate would end with the discovery of Jeremy's Secret Photo Album and all the wicked smears would vanish. Comrade Jez's stock response when challenged about meeting Irish or Middle Eastern terrorists is to put on his most pious expression and say he wants an end to all violence. He does not need to condemn IRA murders because he condemns all murders. He does not need to condemn Palestinian rocket attacks on Israel because he condemns all attacks. He would have us believe he is reaching out to all in the quest for peace. As he said of the Tunisia affair: "I was there because I wanted to see a fitting memorial to everyone who has died in every terrorist incident everywhere because we have to end it. You cannot pursue peace by a cycle of violence; the only way you can pursue peace is by a cycle of dialogue."

SOUNDS terrific, doesn't it? But where, exactly, is the dialogue? How much time has Jeremy Corbyn spent talking to the other sides? Where are the photos of this saintly allotment keeper meeting Israeli families bereaved by Palestinian killers? Where are the pictures of him shaking hands with Protestant paramilitaries in Ulster or comforting those maimed by IRA bombs? Maybe all those images are tucked away in Jeremy's Secret Photo Album. Or maybe not.

A TALE of two Jeremys...The potentially disastrous Wreathgate saga reminds me of Jeremy Clarkson who, having a certain charisma and lots of fans, got away with mistake after mistake until one night he called his producer a "lazy Irish ****" and punched him. That was the tipping point, the end of Clarkson at the Beeb and I suspect we are nearing the end of Corbyn. This prospect may scare his supporters but it terrifies the Tories.

WHY are we waiting? According to the latest reports, police have CCTV footage of suspects in the Salisbury nerve-agent incidents. So why have they not released it? CCTV captures only a moment in time. Figuring out where those people were, and what they did, before or after the filming is crucial and Joe Public may have the answers. So why can't Joe Public see the footage?

AND here's another Salisbury puzzle. Cops seem to have assumed that the bottle allegedly containing the Novichok agent and found in a local park was the only bottle used. For all we know, a second or third bottle may be lying undiscovered or, worse, sitting on somebody's mantelpiece. Again, releasing an image of the discovered bottle might jog someone's memory. But no images have been shown. It is all very odd.

OH, brave new world. My eye was caught by a feature about a new "switching glass" window which can be installed in your bathroom. Flick a switch and it turns from clear to opaque, so you cannot be seen, even if passers-by or your neighbours are just a few feet away. As long as the power is on, your privacy is guaranteed. What could possibly go wrong? You switch on the light, the window goes blank. You disrobe and relax in the bath. You fall asleep. There is a power cut . . .

THIS week's hot news from the world of medical research is that salt is not as harmful as the experts thought last week but vaping is more harmful than the experts thought last week. Anyone care to guess what next week will bring?

TALKING POINT

Weight for it! It's time to accept I'm a fattie

PASS me the chocolate biscuits, I've decided, once and for all to accept my fate, I have no option but to realise I will be an overweight person for the rest of my days on this planet. It's an unfortunate, but necessary admission, for the sake of my sanity.

Yep, the size 32in-waist jeans that looked so good five years ago, are bound for the charity shop, unless I append them with some kind of industrial-strength fastener, but then movement would become difficult and sitting down, impossible.

Recently – as I suffer the catch-up effects of a life of relative contentment, via the occasional pint and kebab/Indian/pizza, etc – things seem to have taken a turn for the worse. It's a difficult situation to come to terms with. When trying on new clothes in a store's changing rooms and being horrified at what you see before you, it's so easy to blame the mirror. Then spend the rest of the day shying away from reflections, neck-down anyway, after landing back home.

You talk things over with your other half, say you're worried about how much weight you're putting on, and then they very helpfully show you a photograph of you from a year ago, which shows the double chins, paunch and general rosy-cheeked glow of a chubby 50-something. Great, thanks for that!

In a light bulb moment, I think it might be something to do with a new inhaler for my asthma, Symbicort, and seeking some kind of vindication, of course I turn to the internet. I search for Symbicort and on entering the 'w' for weight gain, up comes a lengthy list of people who seem to think the drug is the cause for their own expanding waistline!

Armed with this erm... foolproof evidence, I then tackle my GP on the issue and it's not hard to see her difficulty in trying to maintain a straight face. Blood tests follow to investigate the possibility of an underactive thyroid, and cholesterol levels – all to no avail.

So it seems, lifestyle needs to be looked at. I dig out that book my missus bought me (again, thanks!) by a certain lifestyle guru, with advice on workouts and diet, and it soon occurs to me that he (hairy pretty boy with biceps, you know who I mean!) must be in league with a leading supermarket, as all the recipes have the most hard to find ingredients, which will cost an absolute fortune to buy!

It seems everybody these days is on the take. Come the revolution, us fatties will line him and his ilk up against the wall and force-feed them cream cakes, beer and French cheese until they are like the rest of us...

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Region's motorists face holiday misery

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THEATRE staff took to the streets to announce the arrival of hit show Kinky Boots this autumn.

Armed with a pair of eye-catching thigh-high glittering red boots, they teetered their way through Wolverhampton visiting landmarks including the Mander Centre and the Light House Media Centre, before making their way back to the Grand Theatre in Lichfield Street – having raised a few eyebrows along the way. The award-winning show – based on a true story – is coming to the theatre in October. Featuring songs written by Cyndi Lauper, it stars former Coronation Street actress Paula Lane.

It runs from October 16-27. Tickets are on sale at £19.50, through the box office, on 01902 429212, or via www.grandtheatre.co.uk.

HUNDREDS of miles of roadworks across the UK are to be lifted or completed in time for the August Bank Holiday – but do not include Black Country works.

Highways England made the announcement to help motorists by removing more than 300 miles of roadworks with the expectation that it will be one of the busiest times for the UK's roads.

Roadworks that are lifted or suspended will be on motorways and A-roads from 6am tomorrow until just after midnight on Tuesday (28). However, with 19 stretches of road set to be lifted and 141 aimed to be completed across the UK before the end of the month, there are no plans for roads across the Black Country.

Smoother

A Highways England spokesman said: "We're encouraging everyone to check their vehicles before setting off.

"To help people have smoother journeys we have removed as many roadworks as possible, leaving only essential work in place. However, it is not possible to remove all roadworks due to safety reasons."

This is added bad news for Black Country commuters with a mammoth project at Oldbury Viaduct delayed by six months. Waterproofing and repairs have been ongoing since April 2017 and it been scheduled to finish by the autumn.

However, due to the prolonged spell of hot weather, the plans have been pushed back to 2019. Highways England said they wanted to finish the project as early as possible, but could not give a definitive time.

Regarding the plans for the bank holiday, Highways England's customer service director, Melanie Clarke, said: "We're doing everything we can to make journeys as smooth as possible for this August getaway."

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Probation – no plan B to fall back on

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Apparently, the profit margins were underestimated by these companies and this has resulted in wholesale redundancies, leaving the remaining staff, many poorly trained, to manage up to 300 probationers each instead of the recommended 60.

Many are supervised entirely by phone, and there are recorded instances of repeat offending even while the probationer was actually on the phone. Things have gone wrong with no plan B to fall back on.

JOHN DAVENPORT
Wednesfield

Foul idea to move ground

THE vast majority of Wolves fans have backed the Fosun vision for Wolverhampton Wanderers wholeheartedly and I congratulate you for achieving phase one, promotion to the Premier League, of the project.

However, I feel you have seriously misjudged the loyalty of thousands of fans with this mention of relocating away from the historic home of our famous old club, Molineux.

Thousands of fans will protest at this idea, and will show their disdain by abandoning the club. Be under no illusions gentlemen,

Do not lose the goodwill you have built up. Abandon this idea. Publicly state that you will not relocate away from Molineux, or you will lose the support and goodwill of thousands of loyal supporters.

ALAN SLATER
Fan since 1967

Now afraid to leave the house

AS an avid photographer of 50 years, I remember the days when I could walk anywhere with my camera without wondering whether I would be mugged for my equipment.

But now I am wary of going anywhere on my own to take pictures, for fear of being set upon for the sake of a few quid's worth of photographic gear.

What has this country come to when the ordinary person like myself is afraid to leave the house to pursue a hobby that I have loved doing for many years, simply because there are yobs out there who would not think twice about using some sort of weapon to relieve me of my possessions?

This lawless society has now made many of us prisoners in our own homes and we can't even feel safe there anymore!

Is it not now time to relieve these namby pamby judges and lawmakers of their positions and replace them with people that would not be afraid to hand out harsher sentences?

IAN HUNTER
Willenhall

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Counting cost of potholes

IT is understandable that the general public are dismayed at the way councils have allowed the deterioration of highways in our region. Potholes are damaging car wheels, tyres, and suspensions causing increased costs to motorists at a time when inflation is eating into personal finances.

Importantly, the danger that poor road surfaces pose to cyclists, when the Government is encouraging the population to exercise and look for 'greener' methods of transport, make the rectification of the road defects an absolute priority.

I have noted at the very time when the road surfaces are dry and sufficiently warm to make tarmacadam adhere perfectly to potholes, work by contractors appears to have been at best scaled down or suspended.

TONY BABINGTON
Brewood

Wolves must stay in city

MOVE the Molineux, it will rip the heart out of Wolverhampton. While they are at it they might as well take St Peter's Church and Albert and his horse, and be done with it!

The owners of Molineux, may well be quite high up in the financial world, but they have a great deal to learn about the history of Wolverhampton and its football club!

The financial blow to the city and its traders will be horrific and unjustified! At this time the club is on a crest of a wave, but the tide can turn, as we have all witnessed before. With respect we should honour all the supporters past and present and hope that Molineux stays in Wolverhampton. Come on you Wolves!

JAMES M BARRETT
Wolverhampton

People are sick and tired of this EU 'dictatorship'

TIME we got the EU in perspective. People are sick and tired of the EU dictatorship. Why did the Tories give away our sovereignty and what for?

Do you think the EU will stop trading with us? No they sell us more than we buy from it, so get a grip politicians. Conservatives gave us the option, voters took that option and voted leave. It is now up to our negotiators to get a deal or not.

The EU will miss our £10bn EU contribution when we leave the union and will find it is their loss not ours. Trade is trade.

Politicians' promises are like 'pie crusts' – easy to break. The only issue is our Government, which is flouting our democratic right by trying to remain in an unaccountable corrupt political alliance which needs to change with the thinking of the day.

The Government have had two years to negotiate, two years wasted, by inept politicians and ministers.

With only six months left, one can't help wonder just how things will pan out. It proves one thing, the Government could not negotiate its way out of a paper bag safely. We need a coalition government, as Mrs May has not the authority to get a deal. As for a £39bn divorce bill, you have to be joking. We must be mad even to consider it. Get on with it Mrs May or go down in history as another duff politician.

MR M COOPER
Wolverhampton

BBC wrong on Sir Cliff

FOLLOWING the recent court case decision in favour of Sir Cliff Richard, the organs of the media have been swift to comment that the decision is not in the public interest and is a restriction of the freedom to report matters of import. The thin end of the wedge!

Someone in the police force gave someone in the BBC 'official' information. This was wrong and probably illegal.

The media has fallen far short of balanced reporting.

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DISHES from across the globe, spooky treats and glasses of bubbly aim to entice visitors into a city market.

Themed events will take over Wolverhampton's newest market in Dudley Street over the next three months. It comes after Wolverhampton Council joined forces with market operator LSD Promotions to develop the new events.

Councillor Steve Evans, cabinet member for city environment, said: "We are continually looking to develop our market offer and these themed markets will definitely add a great deal of colour and variety."

Families can pop along to the first themed market – 'Around the World' – on Saturday.

A chocolate and Prosecco-themed market will take place on September 29 with a Halloween market on October 27

UNSUNG community heroes from across Wolverhampton and South Staffordshire are being sought.

Wolverhampton Lions Club is asking for nominations for the Citizen of the Year 2018 awards.

Nominees may have done extra to help someone who needs assistance in their daily lives, have participated with voluntary work or assisted an organisation, given outstanding service, been involved with fundraising for a local charity or dedicated time and assistance to help their community or their neighbourhood.

The nominated person should be over 18 at the time of nomination and must work or raise funds for local communities or charities within the Wolverhampton or South Staffordshire areas of Wombourne, Coven, Brewood, Codsall, Perton, Swindon, Lower Penn, Seisdon, Trysull or Featherstone.

Plaque

Over the past 41 years, the club has received a number of nominations. Winners of this prestigious award have represented many charities, organisations and and neighbourhoods or have given their time freely to help others to be awarded the title.

The award will be presented at the club's charter dinner in October.

The winner will receive the award from deputy mayor Councillor Claire Darke and be presented with a cheque of £150 for the charity or organisation of their choice, a personalised plaque and their names will be added to the clubs Roll of Honour Citizen of the Year Award.

Nominations should be sent to Wolverhampton Lions Club, Citizen of the Year Award, 275 Warstones Road, Penn, Wolverhampton, WV4 4LA or emailed to citizenaward@wolverhamptonlions.org.uk. The closing date is Monday, September 24.

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Over-65s downsizing key to housing crisis

THE over-65s could hold the key to the housing crisis, according to a new study. More than 200,000 extra bedrooms in the West Midlands could be freed up if more over-65s downsized, according to the third Retirement Confidence Index (RCI) from one of the UK's leading housebuilders.

The survey, issued by McCarthy & Stone, revealed 370,000 pensioners would consider moving to a smaller property, with 244,000 considering moving to a specialist retirement property.

Only 15,000 retirement properties have ever been built for older homeowners across the West Midlands.

According to the Retirement Confidence Index, an annual retirement survey produced in conjunction with YouGov, 67 per cent of under-30s and over-65s believe there needs to be sustainable housing for older people.

Under 30s in the West Midlands view the high cost of living as the greatest burden (54pc). The over-65s view it as high house prices (65pc). Both under 30s and over 65s in the West Midlands view high house prices as less of a burden than the national average (60pc and 70pc respectively).

Under-30s also cite high deposit requirements (46pc) and high levels of debt (43pc) as factors.

Fishing contest to reel in charity cash

Paul Richards, Clare Lee and Steven Greenway ready for the charity fishing contest

A CHARITY fishing weekend in Pattingham is aiming to net proceeds for charity.

The event is held annually and reels in both keen anglers and help for local causes, including Birmingham Children's Hospital and Midlands Air Ambulance.

It kicks off with an evening of entertainment starring popular singer Wayne Tulsa and a charity auction at Pattingham Club on Friday, August 31. Tickets £5. Call the club on 01902 700368 for details.

This leads up to the competition at Copley Reservoir, just down the road from the club, on Sunday, September 2 with the draw at 8.30-9am and fishing from 10am-2.30pm.

There will be food available at the reservoir for the hungry anglers and spectators. Afterwards the presentation of trophies is back at the club.

For details on the fishing contest call Steve Greenway on 07966 207169 or Paul Richards on 07507 015817.

Sign up – all systems go for business event

PREPARATIONS for the 2019 Black Country Business Festival are in full swing, with sponsorship deals already signed. Applications to host an event at the second annual festival open after the summer.

It will see a fortnight of business events from conferences, seminars and tours to expos, workshops, demonstrations, showcases, networking sessions and debates all over the region from May 13-24. The festival, established by the Black Country Chamber of Commerce, is a non-profit-making venture that needs sponsors and partners.

Already, Black Country solicitors Talbots Law; accident repair centre BodyKraft; and DY5 – Dudley's Business and Innovation Enterprise Zone – have signed up to be partners. Casino 36 is a sponsor and official supporters include Wolverhampton Racecourse, accountancy firm Crowe UK and Wolverhampton Grand Theatre.

Details on www.blackcountrybusi nessfestival.com

Costly police fitness tests put on hold amid concerns

NEW fitness tests for police officers have been placed on hold amid concerns they are not worth the cost.

West Midlands Police piloted a 15-metre shuttle run-based fitness test after its previous 'step-based' test was not compliant with College of Policing guidelines. But due to building hire costs for the tests, estimated at more than £200,000 a year, the force is taking time to consider what action to take following the end of the three-month trial.

Currently, only officers in specialist and public order roles are being tested for fitness using the shuttle runs while a decision is made.

Chief Constable Dave Thompson said: "Introducing the test as per the trial could mean hiring spaces outside of force estate, which current enquiries suggest could cost upwards of £200,000 a year – a figure we seriously have to consider when there are competing demands, not least a desire for more frontline officers."

Mr Thompson said: "We continue to offer support through our Wellbeing and Occupational Health teams to ensure all officers are maintaining the expected level of fitness."

Wheels in motion for club celebration

A CYCLING group that provides biking opportunities for a range of riders has celebrated its top-level award for voluntary service.

Wolverhampton Wheelers was named among the winners of the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the highest award given to volunteer groups.

Club president Robin Kyte said the timing of the award, so close to the Wheelers' 125th anniversary, was fantastic.

He went on: "Since 1891, the club has relied heavily on the unselfish support of our dedicated volunteers who give their time freely."

The club raises money for several charities, including the HELP Appeal, which funds hospital helipads.

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Held at Bantock Park, visitors marvelled at the vast array of vehicles including some of the last 670 Turners made in the city and built by the late Jack Turner.

The rally was celebrating its 14th year on Sunday, and organisers said the 2018 event was a bigger hit with enthusiasts than in previous years.

Brian Shaw, who helped organise the event, said: "This year's event sparked a lot more interest than previous years and even people who lacked knowledge of the cars came to view them and learn more about the heritage of the cars.

Welsh engineer Jack Turner, who died in 2011, began his legacy in his family home in South Staffordshire by creating a few bespoke chassis before moving to Merridale Street, Wolverhampton and opening his own factory in 1953. Eventually, the race-car specialist moved to a final location of Pendeford Aerodrome in 1956 where car production continued until the doors closed for the final time in early 1966.

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Louis shows Wolfie a python while Imogen Jones holds a bearded dragon

Louis adds £1,000 to charity pot

PROLIFIC fundraiser Louis Johnson helped clock up more than £1,000 for Birmingham Children's Hospital with a little help from his friends – Steve Bull and Wolves mascot Wolfie.

Louis, from Tettenhall Wood, organised his own charity fete which was held at The Mount Hotel in Wolverhampton on Sunday in aid of the hospital.

Stalls were provided by local businesses and helped raise a grand total of £1,027. The event was opened by Bully and resident mascot Wolfie also attended.

A reptile expert took along some animals to show visitors. Louis has been raising cash since the age of five after being inspired by his mother Teresa..

80 years of training and duo feel fit for anything

A PAIR of fitness fanatics have chalked up a hugely impressive 80 years of combined circuit training – and have no intention of stopping just yet.

By Tom Oakley

Chris Law, aged 64, from Codsall, and Paul Davies, 69, from Wheaton Aston, still put their bodies through the intense conditioning and endurance training several times a week at Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis & Squash Club, based in Newbridge, near Tettenhall.

Chris has now been taking part in weekly circuit training sessions for some 48 years, and Paul for 32.

The latter, who worked as a materials manager before running his own engineering business, started with the sessions at Wulfrun College, back in 1986. He said: "You really can't beat keeping fit by doing these sessions, and if you miss one during the week you certainly feel it.

"When the gym started up here and the circuit sessions started in 1999, myself and Chris were both at the very first one."

Chris, who retired two years ago after a career spent with British Gas and in IT with Tarmac, said: "I first started back in 1970, at Wulfrun College, and from the moment I got started, it became addictive.

"Doing fitness training gives me an adrenaline rush. It's great to have somebody like Paul to train with as he doesn't know how to take it easy. We have been at the same sessions for so many years that we both know what we can do, what speed we can work at, and when we need to push each other."

Both have also been involved in football in the past, Paul with Willenhall Town and Chris with Oxbarn in the Sunday League, as well as cycling. Paul this year completed the Wolverhampton to Aberdovey ridewhile Chris focuses on off-road cycling.

Chris Law and Paul Davies, who still taking part in fitness training, with instructor Paul Fothergill

Two banks to go under the hammer

TWO former banks are to be sold two months after they were closed.

NatWest shut the branches in Church Street, Bilston, and in Three Tuns Parade, Fordhouses, in June. Both are going under the hammer at an auction next month.

The branch in Bilston features a stone facade and is between an estate agents and opticians. The guide price is £180,000.

The branch in Fordhouses is at the end of a shopping promenade and is next to a Lloyds Bank branch.

Its guide price is £165,000 to £185,000. The auction will take place at Villa Park on September 6.

NatWest announced the closures earlier this year as part of a nationwide shake-up.

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ANTI-THEFT screws will be offered to motorists as part of a police crackdown on vehicle crime.

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Council in pledge to end rough sleeping

CIVIC chiefs in Wolverhampton have pledged to put an end to the problem of homelessness and the number of people sleeping rough in the city over the next 10 years.

The move follows the Government's announcement to invest £100 million in putting an end to the UK's growing issue of homelessness by 2027.

Numbers of homeless in the city have reportedly risen by more than a quarter in the last 18 months.

A Wolverhampton Council spokesman said the number of people seeking help with accommodation in the city was now likely to be in excess of 1,700 a year, according to figures recorded at the end of 2017. This number has risen from 1,326 in the previous year.

The Government has set aside the cash to distribute between councils to fund the new responsibilities they face following the introduction of the Homelessness Reduction Act in April.

The council spokesman added: "This includes intervening at an early stage to prevent homelessness and an expected increase in the

By Richard Guttridge

reviews to take place when a person is deemed not to be in priority need.

"Official data shows that the number of people sleeping rough in England has doubled since 2010."

In Wolverhampton the latest figures for people sleeping rough each night in the city centre is estimated to average between around 18 and 23. However, it is thought that it could be in excess of 25, as it is not known how many bed down in parks and other areas away from the city centre.

People who are technically homeless or depend on the hospitality of family or friends are also unable to claim benefits as they have no registered address.

Golfers tee off for charity fundraiser

Martin Wainwright, Perton Park Golf Club, The Haven's Jade Secker, Dicky Dodd and TRiM's Marcello Mongiovi

A GOLF club is inviting enthusiasts to tee off for a charity round. Perton Park Golf Club is staging the fundraiser for The Haven, a charity supporting women and children who are vulnerable to domestic violence, homelessness and abuse.

Only a few spaces remain for the event on September 21, sponsored by TRiM barbershops and hosted by Signal 107's Dicky Dodd.

The day will begin with tea and coffee and a breakfast bap before heading out onto the course for 18 holes of golf, with mini competitions including beat the pro. The clubhouse will later welcome the teams for a three-course meal.

Jade Secker, The Haven senior community fundraiser, said: "We are really looking forward to hosting our first golf day."

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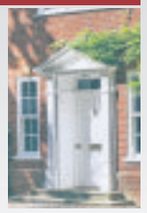

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One of China's most influential rock bands tunes into Wolves

Keeping the Faith as band scores with Wolves tune

By Tom Oakley

WOLVES have gone global after a Chinese band released a track dedicated to the Molineux men and their rise to the Premier League.

Rock band Miserable Faith have produced the song 'Wolves Ay We' about their support for Nuno's side, which is getting rave reviews in China.

Just a day after being uploaded to streaming service Netease – the Chinese equivalent of Spotify – the song racked up 500,000 listens. It has now been listened to 826,000 times and is currently number three in the download charts.

The band, who have supported Wolves since 2016, have a diverse sound comprised of a number of different genres including hip hop, reggae and world music.

They have released seven albums and EPs since 1999. Lead singer Gao Hu said: "We are big English football fans and first started following Wolves in 2016 when we were touring in the UK as part of our 100 Cities Tour.

"We were attracted by the colours and the name and had the opportunity to visit Molineux Stadium when we passed through Wolverhampton.

"When the team got promoted last year we were inspired to write the song. We are both chasing our dream."

Female passenger hurt in three-vehicle crash

A WOMAN was taken to hospital after a car overturned in a crash. It happened about a mile from the scene of a fatal collision two weeks earlier.

The A454, the main route between Bridgnorth and Wolverhampton, was closed during rush hour last Wednesday morning following the three-vehicle collision.

The woman, a passenger in the overturned car, was cut free by firefighters and went to New Cross Hospital with chest and neck pain and cuts to her hand. Two men in their 20s and a man in his 60s were discharged at the scene with minor injuries. Four fire crews from Bridgnorth and Wellington attended.

Two cars and a van were involved in the collision at 8am, about a mile from where Sohan Lal, 64, from Wolverhampton, died following a collision between his Seat Leon and a VW Sharan a fortnight previously. Seven others were hurt.

Police chief aims to win back faith of city public

By Liam Keen

POLICE in Wolverhampton must make the best of what little resources they have, the city's new senior officer has said.

Chief Superintendent Andy Beard admitted it was a challenging time for the West Midlands force which is having to cope with 'finite resources'. But he has pledged to do all he can to tackle rising violent crime in the city.

The experienced officer began his career in Wolverhampton 24 years ago and has now returned to the city in a bid to reduce the number of violent crimes.

Ch Supt Beard

In a survey by sister publication The Express & Star on policing in the area, 87 per cent of respondents thought the police were not doing a good job.

Ch Supt Beard said: "The survey does concern me, but we need to work within the finances given to us by the government and that's one of the challenges I have. We have a finite amount of resources and I need to use them to the best I can, to ensure that when crime is reported, people get the best quality of service from my officers here. We want to give people regularly updated information too as that is always an issue with people knowing what is happening.

Funding

"Obviously there are certain things under my control in Wolverhampton and certain things are not. The funding is national and is set by the Home Office and our Chief Constable works very hard to address the funding in line with the Police and Crime Commissioner, but in the end we need to make best use of what we do have and that is what I have control of in Wolverhampton.

"I want to restore some faith in the public by messaging out to people that sometimes what we do isn't seen. Just because you might not see somebody doesn't mean the officers are not dealing with things effectively.

"I want to reassure the public that we do have officers visible in those areas where we've seen an increase in crime, but we're also working in the background to help young people affected by or involved in these crimes.

"I've already said to officers here that locally we need to start by getting the basics right. If we can get that right, the rest will then follow.

"It's totally unacceptable, both the violence and the use of firearms, so we will be tackling both overtly and covertly. We will do the best for Wolverhampton."

Singer Amy G has a good Vibe for single

WOLVERHAMPTON singer Amy G has announced the release date for her next single. The singer has also revealed a gold-plated new look, which will appear on the single's cover when it is released next month.

Vibe, which mixes Amy's vast vocal range with deep electro beats powered by an upbeat and warm, funky rhythm, will be released on all digital platforms on September 9.

Amy, real name Amy Goodall, released her debut single Piece of Me last August and helped to raise more than £500 for Compton Hospice and Cancer Research UK in honour of her grandfather who sadly lost his cancer fight when she was a teenager.

And Amy has promised there will be an EP launch in her hometown, but has yet to reveal details.

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M5 repairs are delayed because of the heatwave

WORK to repair a stretch of a busy Black Country motorway has been delayed by six months – and it's all down to the weather.

Bosses at Highways England have said the recent scorching temperatures mean the mammoth project at the Oldbury Viaduct has been held up by around six months.

Waterproofing and repairs between junctions 1 and 2 on the M5 have been ongoing since April 2017, with an initial finishing date of autumn this year.

But the date has been pushed back dramatically, and workers now hope to finish 'as soon as possible' in 2019, but cannot give a definitive date.

Spokesman for Highways England James Wildman said one of the main reasons for the delay was the recent hot spell. He said: "The weather has slowed us down. For example, waterproofing cannot be applied in temperatures over around 30C.

"In recent weeks the surface temperature on the viaduct has been around 40C in the daytime and so waterproofing material has had be applied overnight."

He added: "The work we are doing to repair the M5 Oldbury Viaduct is absolutely essential if drivers are to continue using it for years to come. We're committed to completing the work as quickly and as safely as possible and we're doing all we can to reduce disruption to motorists, businesses and residents."

The scheme has seen traffic filtered on to one side of the carriageway and the speed limit cut, causing delays for countless drivers the past year.

Another reason for the delay is a higher number of individual repairs discovered than first anticipated.

Dog tales brought to book by animal lover

"SAMOYEDS are happy dogs and love people – I can't imagine my life without them."

For more than 30 years Rita Sanders and her husband Peter, have been instrumental in finding homes for rescue dogs.

They fell in love with the breed, known for its thick, white, double-layered coat and pleasant nature, after getting their first dog Zara in 1982.

Since then the couple, members of the Samoyed Rescue Society, have had seven more come to live with them at their home in Coven.

To help raise awareness of the breed and rescue dogs, Mrs Sanders has written a book about their experiences. She hopes 'Always a Pleasure' will encourage others to consider giving a rescue dog a home and provide a useful insight into the breed.

Decision

The couple decided to get their first Samoyed after studying several books on dogs. "We had never actually seen a Samoyed but they looked nice in the picture in the book.

"This is probably not the best way of choosing a breed, but after making the decision we should have talked to breeders and owners before getting one. Nevertheless,we got our first Samoyed – we called her Zara.

"She was six-months-old and had already been to a new home but had been returned to the breeder. In order to get to know more, my husband and I joined the British Samoyed Club and served as committee members for several years. And several more of the breed joined them.

"It was during this time that we learned of the Samoyed Rescue Society and I wanted to get more involved," she added.

Author Rita Sanders with her Samoyed Zeus, one of eight she has owned

Boat club quiz fundraiser

A CHARITY quiz night is being held by a father and son in aid of two good causes.

Organised by Mick and Neil Poyser, it takes place at Stafford Boat Club on September 14.

The proceeds will go towards Stockport Canal Boat Trust and Wildside Activity Centre in Wolverhampton.

The Hordern Road centre is a charity that aims to get people outdoors for health, wellbeing and learning, while the Stockport Canal Boat Trust offers day trips for disabled and disadvantaged children.

The quiz will be based on the format of TV quiz shows past and present.

Teams are limited to four people and tickets cost £5 per person.

There there is an optional fish and chip supper available at £6 per person.

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Figures show the areas with urgent need for new homes

NEW research has uncovered exactly which areas are in urgent need of new homes. Damning figures published by the BBC show Sandwell has the highest housing need across the Black Country and Staffordshire.

Only half of the homes required by the Government are being built in the borough. It's a better story in Dudley and South Staffordshire, as both areas are meeting more than 100 per cent of their 10-year housing target.

Dudley Council oversaw the building of, on average, 628 homes every year across the last decade, while South Staffs saw 254.

And Wolverhampton and Walsall are achieving about 75 per cent each, with Wolverhampton organising building on average about 550 homes each year over the last 10 years and Walsall about 675.

Ambition

However, Sandwell was found to be barely meeting half of its target, scraping by with 51 per cent of the Government's aim. The figures showed the area had seen approximately 730 homes built each year during the last decade but it needed to be double that.

But Sandwell Council leader Steve Eling believed Sandwell was doing pretty well in terms of house building. He said: "In 2006 we set an ambition to get just under 21,500 homes built in Sandwell by 2026 – an aim which is set out in the Black Country Core Strategy.

"With almost a decade to go, and against the difficulties of the economic crash, good progress is being made. Sandwell has already seen more than 8,000 new homes built since then – the highest of any of the Black Country boroughs."

Iconic films to take off at outdoor event

FILM fans will get to see light sabre battles and high-octane flying with open-air screenings at an aviation museum.

RAF Museum Cosford's outdoor cinema event will return on September 21 and 22 with showings of Top Gun and Star Wars: The Force Awakens. This year's event will see a bigger 30ft inflatable screen built alongside the VC10 and Hercules aircraft, including digital projectors, and a new surround-sound system.

To celebrate the occasion, the museum will be transforming an aircraft into a popcorn and snacks bar where visitors will be able to step onboard to buy their movie snacks.

Abi Betteridge, the museum's public events manager, said: "Both movies are so iconic and fitting for us as a venue."

Tickets are available from £13 per person, or for £15 on the door.

Tribute on VJ Day in memory of sacrifices

Flags lowered at the 73rd anniversary of Victory over Japan Day.

THE courage and bravery shown in the Far East by British servicemen was remembered at a poignant service marking the 73rd anniversary of VJ Day.

A moment of reflection and tribute was held at the service in Wolverhampton's St Peter's Square next to the cenotaph.

Veterans, civic dignitaries and members of the public were among those who took part in the service of remembrance. Wolverhampton Mayor and Mayoress and representatives from the Royal British Legion, Wolverhampton United Ex Service Council and the Burma Star Association's Wolverhampton Branch gathered to pay their respects. Trumpets sounded and standards were hoisted up and lowered as a sign of respect to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

A prayer was held, followed by two minutes of silence, for people to reflect on the anniversary of Victory Over Japan Day.

A wreath was laid by Wolverhampton Mayor Phil Page, who had a relative who endured the conditions in Japan. "One of my relatives was a prisoner of Japan and he never spoke about it. We never knew about the trials and tribulations," he said.

. "It's a statement to those who served, suffered and died during the conflict in the Far East.

Wiggle with Donchez – oh yes we will!

BRITAIN'S Got Talent star Donchez Dacres will Wiggle and Wine his way to the ball as he stars in a charity pantomime later this year.

Wolverhampton-based Donchez will be joining the cast of Mary Stevens Hospice's annual pantomime at Stourbridge Town Hall in November.

After capturing the hearts of the nation, the 61-year-old AA worker will perform in the production of Cinderella.

Amanda Bowen, deputy head of fundraising at Mary Stevens Hospice, said: "Much like the rest of the nation, we were wiggling and wining from the moment he appeared on our screens and we could not be more thrilled that he's joined the cast for this show.

"Community is at the heart of everything we do here at the charity, and to be able to let our supporters know that a performer of his calibre will be on hand to entertain them in support of the families relying on our care is just such a special thing to be able to do."

Cinderella will run for five shows at the town hall, between November 28 and November 30. It is the second show organised by the Stourbridge-based hospice, after their production of the Wizard of Oz sold out all three performances in January.

Call 01384 377778 for tickets.

Hair salon cuts it with fundraiser

A NEW hair salon in Wolverhampton raised £266 for a charity close to the owner's heart.

Rubix Salon in Oxley, which opened in February, held an open evening in aid of Birmingham Children's Hospital. Owner Helen Turner's son spent his first three weeks at the hospital after being born prematurely.

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Balloon pioneer Mike is up there with the best

HE pioneered the use of hot-air balloons as an advertising tool and masterminded Sir Richard Branson's various world-record attempts in a flying basket.

Now Wolverhampton-born Mike Kendrick's contribution to the industry has been recognised with his induction into the Living Legends of Aviation organisation.

He joins the likes of Apollo 11 astronaut Buzz Aldrin and film star pilot John Travolta. The 97-strong roll of honour includes entrepreneurs, innovators, industry leaders, astronauts, record breakers, pilots who have become celebrities, and celebrities who have become pilots. The group includes Harrison Ford and Tom Cruise.

The Mineseeker Foundation blimp

Mike with Per Lindstrand

Mike Kendrick is inducted into Living Legends by Tom Enders Pic: @Mirja_Geh

Change

The 72-year-old, who was brought up on a council estate in Bushbury, was nominated by Branson, a friend and former business partner, following a lifetime in the balloon and airship industry, which started in the early-1970s when he brought about a change in the law to allow advertising on aircraft.

This gave birth to the global aerial advertising market and the familiar sight of such balloons and airships now seen worldwide. In 1988, he went into partnership with Sir Richard to form the Virgin Airship and Balloon Company in Telford.

The firm quickly grew to become the world's largest aerial advertising agency, operating more than 180 aircraft in some 30 countries, with clients such as Goodyear and Budweiser.

The Wolverhampton Airport owner also introduced balloons and airships to many places that had never seen them before, including the first passenger flights over the Valley of the Kings in Egypt.

Based in Bridgnorth, he is now spearheading work with his company, Straightline Aviation, on the introduction of a revolutionary heavy-lift hybrid airship designed to transport cargo and passengers to remote parts of the world and engineered to use less fuel, emit less carbon dioxide and eliminate the need for costly ground-level infrastructure.

The company has attracted interest from the oil, gas and mining industries following its announcement that it would be buying 12 of the Lockheed Martin Hybrid Airships for £330 million. He also set up the Mineseeker Foundation, using airbuses to find and remove mines in Africa

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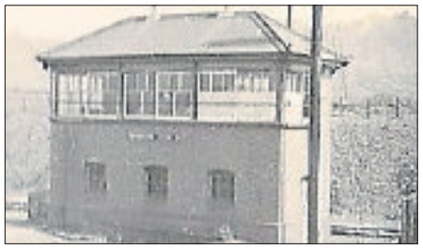
A southbound freight in the area of the current excavations

A northbound freight passing the trolley hut

AiM excavating next to the Smestow Valley Path

AiM revealing the edge of the foundation



Wombourne signal box

On track to unearth mystery foundations

OVER four weekends the local archaeology group Archaeology in Mind (AiM) are excavating intriguing foundations discovered at Tettenhall Station.

MEMORY LANE

Report by Alec Brew

Fifty metres beyond the end of the platforms on what is now the Smestow Valley Path, a badger uncovered the corner of a concrete foundation, and the Tettenhall Transport Heritage Centre called in the group to help reveal what they might be.

Without disturbing the badgers, AiM began and discovered the base of what is clearly quite a large building.

Photographic evidence shows that the Permanent Way gang who looked after the line, had several huts in the approximate area, including a large hut to house their trolleys, a large motorised trolley to carry sleepers and fencing and the like, and a smaller ganger's trolley.

Different

The gang also had their own hut in which to take breaks, and there were two or three smaller ones.

Historically it is believed that, although there was never a signal box at Tettenhall Station like at Wombourne Station, the foundations for one were laid. Will the excavations of AiM reveal that what the badgers discovered, was the foundations of a signal box or the ganger's huts, or something entirely different?

The line through Tettenhall only operated from 1925-65, and there was a passenger service for only the first seven years. The branch, which would have taken the line to Bridgnorth, was never built, and the line became one of the first of the Beeching cuts.

Within the Heritage Centre there is a 00 Gauge layout of the station, and curator, Alec Brew, says: "It would be nice to be able to make this corner of the layout exactly correct."

Dan Brew on his ganger's trolley in Wombourne Station

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Modfather set for date In the City

A year on from the 40th anniversary of The Jam's debut album, modfather Paul Weller is In the City – Birmingham that is – as he shows no signs of slowing down.

Weller, aged 60, released his 13th studio album A Kind of Revolution this year and announced a UK arena tour. He performs at The Genting Arena tomorrow (Friday) with support from Stone Foundation, whose latest album Street Rituals was produced by . . . Paul Weller.

The concert kicks off a month of big name acts to perform in the second city.

This weekend sees successful R&B vocal group Boyz II Men in action, famed for the big hit End of the Road. Catch them at the O2 Academy on Saturday, followed by Grammy-award winning Justin Timberlake at the Arena Birmingham on Bank Holiday Monday, August 27.

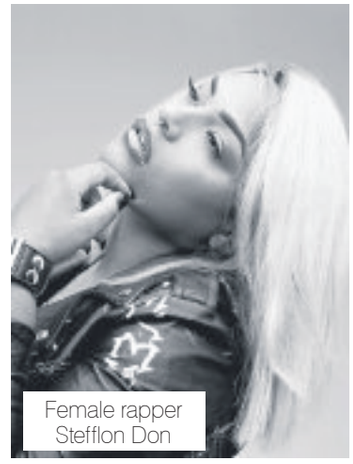
Fellow former Disney Club star Britney Spears – joined by Pitbull – performs her final UK arena tour date of her #1 Las Vegas residency show at the Genting Arena on August 31.

Here Comes the Summer Son as Scottish alternative rock band Texas, led by Sharleen Spiteri, perform at the Symphony Hall on September 1 alongside special guests Imelda May and Ward Thomas as part of The MJR Group's Skyline Series.

The iconic Barry Manilow performs on September 4 at Arena Birmingham and Passenger the following night at the O2 Institute.

Chart-topper Jason Derulo has a date at Arena Birmingham on September 26.

MADE stars Chase & Status and Rage MC



Female rapper Stefflon Don

MADE for hip-hop

Chase & Status, Giggs, Andy C, Stefflon Don and more take centre stage at MADE For The Weekend in Birmingham.

Following the successful move to Perry Park and a sold-out MADE Festival, the two-day indoor event, on October 12 and 13, will see a massive line-up of hip hop, grime and bass all under one roof at the Genting Arena.

Other confirmed acts include Gorgon City, Pusha T, Maleek Berry, Preditah, Nasty C, My Nu Leng, Dread MC and SaSaSaS.

Procedings kick off on October 12 with rapper Pusha T, president of Kanye West's GOOD Music label, who recently released new album Daytona. Grime artist Gigg, female star Stefflon Don and homegrown Birmingham talent, the DJ and producer Preditah also take the stage, along with the British-Nigerian act Maleek Berry.

Chase & Status, best remembered for their 2009 top 10 hit End Credits, are among the illustrious line-up for the Saturday, alongside Andy C, who recently sold out Wembley Arena in three days.

Gorgon City bring their bass-infused Kingdom brand to the Genting Arena in a special extended DJ set. Bristol duo My Nu Leng featuring Dread MC also join the line-up, while SaSaSaS appear hot on the heels of a stellar performance at MADE Festival 2018.

There will be a back set from Bushbaby and Sammy Virji and Resonance Records head honcho Max Chapman will fly the flag for UK talent. House producer Eli Brown completes the existing set. More top names are likely to be announced.

MADE Festival director Pete Jordan said: "After the fifth year of MADE Festival summer edition and a 12,000 sell-out at Perry Park in July, we felt it was time to take the brand to the next level.

"We wanted to bring the extravaganza of the festival into an indoor setting, and in autumn when the UK festival season is well and truly over."

Oh, What A Night ahead at theatre

Theatregoers can enjoy the sounds of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons as the hit musical The Jersey Boys returns to Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre.

It tells the true life story of four boys from the wrong side of the tracks who wrote their own songs, invented a unique sound, and sold 175 million records worldwide.

It will feature hit after legendary hit including Beggin', Can't Take My Eyes Off You, Oh, What A Night!, Sherry, Walk Like a Man, Rag Doll, Bye Bye Baby and Big Girls Don't Cry.

The show runs at the Lichfield Street venue from August 28 to September 8 at 7.30pm each night plus 2.30pm matinees on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Meanwhile, Move It, Move It to the New Alexandra Theatre in Birmingham to join Alex the lion, Marty the zebra, Melman the giraffe, Gloria the hippo and those plotting penguins as they bound onto the stage in the Madagascar the Musical.

Based on the smash-hit animated movie, it follows the group of friends as they escape from their home in New York's Central Park Zoo and find themselves on an unexpected journey to the madcap world of King Julien's Madagascar.

It runs until September 4 and arrives in Wolverhampton next May.

Matilda runs until September 8 at the Birmingham Hippodrome, while a smash-and-grab production – The Comedy About A Bank Robbery – runs at the city's Rep until September 8. It would be criminal to miss it!

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AT YOUR LEISURE

Musician George Ezra

If it feels like Paradise you know it's George heading your way

Singer-songwriter George Ezra will be riding Shotgun into Birmingham's Genting Arena next year.

Fans of the Hertfordshire-born 25-year-old will be in Paradise as he performs on March 17 as part of a 10-date series of performances.

The announcement comes after Ezra, who topped the charts with Shotgun this summer – his first number one – headlined Boardmasters Festival in Newquay, and ahead of a sold-out UK tour that begins in November.

Ezra followed up his debut album Wanted On Voyage – the third best-selling album of the year in the UK in 2014 – with this year's offering Staying At Tamara's, which is officially the biggest-selling album so far this year. It remains in the top five of the Official Albums Chart 20 weeks after release. This year Ezra appeared the Forest Live concerts on Cannock Chase, one of three headline acts alongside Paul Heaton & Jacqui Abbott and Paloma Faith.

Ezra first rose to prominence four years ago with the release of the hit single Budapest.

He is best known for other hit singles such as Blame it on Me, Listen to the Man, Barcelona, Cassie O and Don't Matter Now.

No ordinary Joe! Comic marks 30th anniversary

Joe Pasquale burst on to our television screens 30 years ago on ITV's New Faces – and doesn't seem to have been away ever since.

A winner of I'm a Celebrity . . . Get Me Out of Here, the squeaky-voiced comic is on his 30th anniversary tour A Few Of His Favourite Things; billed as 'a celebration of his best cack, plus some surprises on the way'.

A regular in recent years at the Grand Theatre's pantomime, he returns to the Lichfield Street venue on September 12, from 6.30pm, with tickets starting at £14.

The legendary comedian Kevin Hart has been pretty busy since the last time he ended up in Birmigham with his sell-out 'What Now' tour. His memoir I Can't Make This Up: Life Lessons debuted at Number One on the New York Times Bestseller list, he voiced Captain Underpants in its first movie and appeared in the Jumanji reboot starring Jack Black and Dwayne Johnson.

He is back in the Midlands at Arena Birmingham on August 30, from 7pm, on 'The Kevin Hart Irresponsible Tour'.

The voice of Love Island, comedian Iain Stirling is also in Birmingham, appearing at the Rep on September 7, exploring dinner party etiquette, feminism and the pressures on a generation brought up in a world of instant gratification, while George Egg brings his DIY Chef show to the Old Rep on September 8 from 7.30pm.

Joe Pasquale

Mysterious play Meek to take centre stage

Penelope Skinner's mysterious new play, Meek, is being staged at Birmingham Repertory Theatre from September 4-8, following its première at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe this month.

Described as a haunting vision of ruthless state control, tense friendships and one woman's determination not to be broken, Meek is a tale which reflects on fraught times.

In a society where private lives become political and freedom of expression is not an option, Irene finds herself imprisoned but as tales of her incarceration spread she is forced to make a brutal decision.

Award-winning writer Skinner is recognised as one of the UK's leading voices in contemporary theatre. She says: "On a small scale, it is a story about friendship, faith, shame and betrayal. On a wider scale, it is about the ways in which spirituality can be co-opted for political gain, and the impact of that on our personal freedoms. It is also a play about love."

Directed by Amy Hodge, the cast includes Scarlett Brookes, Shvorne Marks and Amanda Wright.

Live bands after racing an odds-on winner

Ocean Colour Scene and Kaiser Chiefs will entertain punters at the end of a day's racing at Wolverhampton. The Dunstall Park course is putting on two nights of post-racing music, with Birmingham-based Ocean Colour Scene kicking proceedings on August 31. The band have produced five top 10 albums, including Moseley Shoals and the number one Marchin' Already in 1997. Top 40 hits include The Circle, The Day We Caught the Train and Riverboat Song.

They take to the stage after a seven-race card from 7.30pm.

The Brit award-winning Kaiser Chiefs, led by Ricky Wilson, follow the next night, which doubles as Ladies Day at the racetrack. The Leeds band's six studio albums, including the Ivor Novello and NME award-winning Employment have spawned a string of hits, among them I Predict A Riot, Oh My God, Never Miss A Beat and the number one Ruby.

After the jockeys have weighed in for the final time on the card at 5.10pm, Kaiser Chiefs take the stage at 6.10pm.

BRAIN GYM

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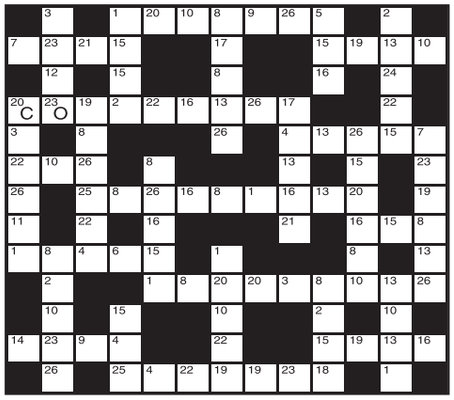
Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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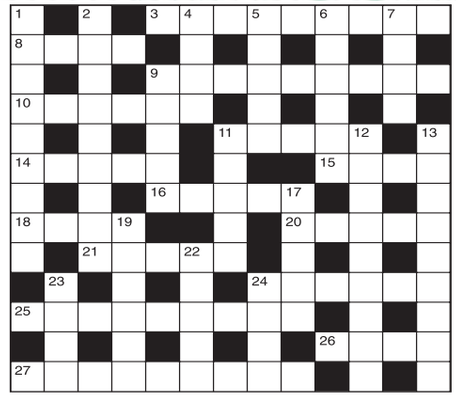
Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues – both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

3. Medical containers houses (4-5)
8. Kind of stone for citrus fruit (4)
9. They make rings round ships' equipment (9)
10. There's no part for the benefactor (6)
11. See 23 Down
14. Dress up for a start to the day, we hear (5)
15. Collapse – minor operation after the doctor is seen (4)
16. Negotiate for something that gives particular pleasure (5)
18. Bird put in the crate alone (4)
20. Eastern potentate elected repeatedly (5)
21 & 12Dn. Moralists at the neighbouring hostelry? (5,9)
24. Shrubby plant needed before the Spanish produce a quantity of grain (6)
25. Warships to check credentials in escort arrangement (9)
26. See 24 Down
27. An assortment of roofs here on the edge of the sea (9)

Down

1. Help set an arrangement for trumpeters (9)
2. Mix me a lotion likely to excite sensitivity (9)
4. Club used for evening out (4)
5. Part of a flap elongated on a coat (5)
6. Used to being deposed? (6)
7. Late afternoon function unfinished (4)
9. Nobleman to be of some importance (5)
11. Missile associated with the sea (5)
12. See 21 Across
13. Weak, lacking prickles (9)
17. A gust will disturb the river (5)
19. Art Gallery window (6)
22. Wait cheerfully to find a letter within (5)
23 & 11Ac. What to do after retiring (2,2,5)
24 & 26Ac. Carry weapons with sleeves rolled up, one hears (4,4)

Quick Clues:

Across

3. Extempore (9)
8. Pool (4)
9. Begin (9)
10. Excuse (6)
11. Guide (5)
14. Young eel (5)
15. Daybreak (4)
16. Distant (5)
18. Afresh (4)
20. Arouse (5)
21. Ire (5)
24. Conquered (6)
25. Competitor (9)
26. Grass (4)
27. Dining-room (9)

Down

1. Transient (9)
2. Consultation (9)
4. Market (4)
5. Correct (5)
6. Heeded (6)
7. Carry (4)
9. Musical drama (5)
11. Laziness (5)
12. Storyteller (9)
13. Compensate (9)
17. Less (5)
19. Squirm (6)
22. Dogma (5)
23. Prod (4)
24. Endure (4)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Hymn; 3 Sergeant; 8 Gala; 9 Priority; 11 Air sea rescue; 13 Amazon; 14 Arrays; 17 Fit as a fiddle; 20 Ungainly; 21 Unit; 22 Detonate; 23 Hand.
Down: 1 Hogmanay; 2 Malaria; 4 Errors; 5 Goods-train; 6 Adieu; 7 Toys; 10 Decoration; 12 Asserted; 15 Addenda; 16 Tablet; 18 Ingot; 19 Quid. QUICK - Across: 1 So-so; 3 Manifest; 8 Role; 9 Converse; 11 Idiosyncrasy; 13 Hermit; 14 Danger; 17 Faithfulness; 20 Pedantic; 21 Stun; 22 Depleted; 23 Type. Down: 1 Straight; 2 Soldier; 4 Amount; 5 Invariable; 6 Earns; 7 Tier; 10 Assistance; 12 Presence; 15 Greatly; 16 Office; 18 Add up; 19 Sped.

Quiz

1. Whose novel Madame Bovary was published in 1857?
2. Which anaesthetic was discovered by Justus, Baron Von Liebig?
3. In which country was the Great Trek of 1836-37 made?
4. Of what is the Ivy League an eight-member group?
5. Which shrub has common and hedge varieties?
6. What do we call the mammal Oryctolagus cuniculus?
7. Which composer's most famous piece is Carnival of the Animals?
8. Who made up the Marx Brothers cinematic comedy team along with Groucho, Chico and Zeppo?
9. Of which tree is the ironbark a species?
10. Which best-selling British author and naturalist died in January 1995?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Val Kilmer; 2 The Balkan Peninsula; 3 Jeremy Bentham; 4 Vulture; 5 The Stars and Stripes; 6 French; 7 Gases; 8 Odin; 9 Harpers and Queen; 10 Selhurst Park.

Niner: MANSFIELD

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

6452 gives a South American animal,
28352356 gives a Latin American animal,
9762115 gives an African animal.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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A new life

Retired nurse Sheila got a new smile after a year of dental misery, husband Dave admits he too is now enjoying the life changes it's brought about.

When former specialist nurse Sheila Haycock finally found a solution for her failing teeth she quite literally received a prescription for a new life . . . and so did her husband, Dave.

Emotionally broken by a catalogue of dental disasters, for a whole year she suffered pain every day and her confidence plummeted. "Each day was a nightmare.

"Every day I'd have a new ulcer in my mouth. I couldn't eat properly, stopped going out and couldn't face looking at myself in a mirror – in fact, I'd cover them up.

"I'd speak and laugh with my hand in front of my mouth, avoid having my picture taken and couldn't chew properly – if I did go out, I'd always have to order lasagne because it was soft food," she recalls.

Terrified of dentist

Sheila's problems began when her natural teeth became mobile and braved her worst fears, having a full clearance to make way for an upper and lower denture.

Terrified of the dentist, she adds: "I thought it was impossible for things to get worse, but nothing could have prepared me for the next 12 months. The first time I took my teeth out and looked in the mirror, psychologically, I was beside myself.

Sheila and Dave Haycock - a new outlook on life

"I'd been so preoccupied with mastering my fear of the dentist, I hadn't worked through the impact of losing my teeth would have on me. It was devastating."

Initially, Dave confesses to "not being that helpful," explaining her native teeth "needed to go and to deal with it."

"I know, I told him," says Sheila, "but they were mine!"

Even the loss of a single tooth is now clinically recognised as a potential precursor for a mourning process.

Adds Dave: "She was upset and I felt utterly helpless. The guilt of it all . . .

I wanted to help, but couldn't. I could eat what ever I wanted, but she couldn't and every day – every day – there was a new problem to address."

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My experience with Steven and his team was the best. Getting the implants really is money well spent.
- Roy Phillpott

Steven's professionalism gave me the confidence and assurance that they could resolve my problem.
- Norma Aston

When I first saw my teeth I thought they looked just like my real teeth.
- Vicki Ball

Sheila, who specialised in wound dressings, admits she felt trapped, having been assured her jawbone density would be too poor to support implants.

"My dentures seemed to be rotating and rolling around and I hated the denture glue. I'd use it and as soon as I'd try to eat something, within 15 minutes my teeth would be unstable again. I was mortified having to use it over and over again. I was not coping."

Taking advice from her daughter, who had received a recommendation from a work colleague that North Street Dental and Implant Clinic could help, Sheila headed for Dudley.

"Within 15 minutes of walking in to the surgery Steven [practice principal Steven Burchell DipCDT RCS(Eng)] was helping me," she says.

As a temporary measure, an oral impression was taken and her painful dentures lined with a soft material that would help ease the discomfort and improve fit.

'Own teeth'

Sheila was prescribed a traditional top prosthetic and a lower over-denture, retained on two implants. The surgery was carried out under sedation by North Street's clinical lead, Owain Rees BDS DGDP(UK) Dip Imp Dent (UCL) GDC61576.

"All I can say is that it has completely changed my life. There's nothing I can't eat and the implant prosthetic doesn't feel false. It's comparable for me to my own teeth. When I first saw my new teeth in the mirror, I thought who's this person? They looked natural, just like real teeth," says Sheila.

Dave, a former civil engineer, adds: "She's completely different. It's been life-changing for me too and we can now get on with our retirement."

Both keen gardeners, they agree the financial investment is a quality life choice."It's the best thing she's ever had done," adds Dave.

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Katie Derham

Proms Extra (BBC2, 6.50pm)
The programme moves into the Royal Albert Hall for one night as an expectant audience gathers to hear Bernstein's On the Town. Katie Derham and guests discuss Mozart's Clarinet Concerto, Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsodies and a world premiere by singer-songwriter Laura Mvula. David Owen Norris offers another Chord of the Week and there is a performance by Chineke!

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nadiya's Family Favourites. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.00** Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Catalans Dragons v Warrington Wolves (Kick-off 3.00pm). **5.30 Film:** Shrek Forever After. (2010)

6.55 BBC News.

7.05 Regional Programme.

7.15 Impossible Celebrities. Dick and Dom are among the 18 celebrities playing for charity in the quiz. Rick Edwards hosts.

8.05 Pointless Celebrities. Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman challenge more famous faces to take part in the unorthodox quiz show. This time, all the contestants are veterans of various TV talent shows or reality contests. MasterChef 2015 winner Simon Wood teams up with his 2016 successor Jane Devonshire, while Lee McQueen, who won the fourth series of The Apprentice, joins forces with Yasmina Siadatan, the ambitious businesswoman who followed him in 2009. Plus, X Factor 2013 champion Sam Bailey throws her lot in with Pop Idol series two star Michelle McManus, and Britain's Got Talent-winning street dancer George Sampson bands together with singer and one-time Celebrity Big Brother star Jermaine Jackson. (R)

8.50 Casualty. Wanting to keep busy, Alicia arrives back at work in the ED earlier than expected, and Connie gives her the job of medical lead for the day. OAPs Joseph and Reggie decide to sneak out of their care home and make their way to a diner looking forward to a full English breakfast, but just as they arrive, Reggie collapses and an ambulance is called. Louise is ready to give Dylan a piece of her mind about bringing on a CQC investigation, until she learns that he is going to clean out Sam's locker later on.

9.40 Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes turns to the internet to find a date for Valentine's Day. (R)

10.10 BBC News; Weather.; National Lottery Update.

10.30 Match of the Day.

11.50 Film: Reasonable Doubt. (2014)

1.10 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.15** BBC News.

BBC2

6.40 Top Class. (R) **7.10** Marrying Mum and Dad. (R) **7.40** Officially Amazing Goes Bunkers. (R) **8.10** The Dengineers. (R) **8.35** Deadly Dinosaurs with Steve Backshall. (R) **9.05** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities. (R) **9.30** Nature's Miracle Babies. (R) **10.30** Killer Whales: Beneath the Surface – Natural World. (R) **11.15** Rugby League's Legendary Watersplash Final. (R) **12.00** Nigel Slater: Eating Together. (R) **12.30** Great British Menu. (R) **1.00** Great British Menu. (R) **1.30** Garden Rescue. (R) **2.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.00** Scrappers. (R) **3.30** Saving Lives at Sea. (R) **4.30** Final Score. **5.15** Flog It! (R) **5.50** A Passage to Britain. (R)

6.50 Proms Extra. The programme moves into the Royal Albert Hall for one night as an expectant audience gathers to hear Bernstein's On the Town. Presented by Katie Derham.

7.30 Dad's Army. The platoon plans to re-enact the battle between St George and the dragon as part of the Wings for Victory fundraising effort – unaware the ARP wardens have the same idea. (R)

8.00 Blitz: The Bombs That Changed Britain. The deadly impact of an incendiary bomb that set fire to St Peter's Church in the historic heart of Bristol on the night of Sunday November 24, 1940. Last in the series. (R)

9.00 QI XL. Sandi Toksvig invites Jason Manford, Sara Pascoe, Jeremy Clarkson and Alan Davies to answer questions on the subject of 'noble rot' in an extended edition of the panel show. (R)

9.50 Anita & Me – and Me. Meera Syal journeys back to Essington in the Black Country, the mining village where she grew up, describing how her childhood inspired her coming-of-age novel Anita and Me. The film Anita & Me follows.

9.55 Film: Anita & Me. (2002) Two girls from different ethnic backgrounds strike up an unlikely friendship during the 1970s. Comedy drama based on Meera Syal's novel, starring Chandeep Uppal and Anna Brewster.

11.25 Film: Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara. (2011) A groom-to-be takes his two friends on a road trip to Spain, participating in extreme sports along the way. Comedy, starring Abhay Deol, Hrithik Roshan and Farhan Akhtar.

1.50 This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty. **6.10** Make It Pop. (R) **6.35** Dino Dana. (R) **6.50** Om Nom Stories. **6.55** The Oddbods Show. (R) **7.05** NinjaGo: Decoded. (R) **7.15** NinjaGo: Decoded. (R) **7.30** ToonMarty. (R) **7.40** ToonMarty. (R) **7.55** Drop Dead Weird. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Zoe Ball on Saturday. **9.25** James Martin's Saturday Morning. (R) **11.20** James Martin's American Adventure. (R) **11.50** £10k Holiday Home. (R) **12.20** Love Your Garden. (R) **1.20** ITV News; Weather. **1.30** ITV Racing Live: York Ebor Festival. The fourth and final day of the festival. **4.00** The Chase. (R) **5.00** WOS Wrestling.

6.00 ITV News; Weather.

6.15 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.30 Japandemonium. A final helping of the strangest Japanese TV, showcasing some of the maddest and funniest moments ever broadcast. This edition features the game of Candy or not Candy – where contestants bite objects to find out – chopsticks bungee jumping, and extreme pans being dropped on the head. Narrated by Melvin Odoom. Last in the series.

7.00 Big Star's Little Star. Stephen Mulhern hosts the entertainment show in which children spill the beans about famous relatives James Cracknell, Karen Blick and Vernie Bennett, talking about their home lives, making heart-warming revelations or telling downright embarrassing stories. The contestants are all hoping to win as much money as possible for their chosen charities.

8.00 Film: The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King. (2003) As hobbits Frodo and Sam near the end of their journey into the dark lands of Mordor to destroy the One Ring, the evil Sauron unleashes the full might of his armies on Middle-earth. Meanwhile, Aragorn must fulfil his destiny of becoming king by leading his people into a climactic battle with the forces of darkness. Conclusion of the fantasy adventure trilogy, starring Elijah Wood, Viggo Mortensen, Ian McKellen and Sean Astin.

11.45 ITV News; Weather.

12.05 WOS Wrestling. (R) **1.00** Jackpot247. Interactive gaming. **3.00** Eternal Glory. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 Triathlon: Long Course Weekend. **7.10** Mobil 1: The Grid. **7.35** Frasier. (R) **8.00** Frasier. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **9.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **9.55** The Simpsons. (R) **10.25** The Simpsons. (R) **10.55** Formula 1 Belgian Grand Prix Practice 3 Live. Coverage of the third practice session at Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps. **12.25** F1 Meets Nigel Mansell. (R) **12.55** Formula 1 Belgian Grand Prix Qualifying Live. Coverage of the qualifying session at Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps (Start-time 2.00pm). **3.45** Car SOS. (R) **4.45** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **5.15** The People's Vet.

6.10 Escape to the Chateau: DIY. As Jonathan and Michael prepare their chateau for the big wedding, they have a sewage problem that threatens to take the whole first floor out of action. (R)

7.05 Channel 4 News.

7.35 Film: Captain America: The First Avenger. (2011) A puny but brave volunteer is rejected for military service during the Second World War. He becomes the test subject for an experiment that transforms him into the ultimate soldier, and battles against a secret Nazi society plotting to harness the powers of a mystical artefact. Superhero adventure, with Chris Evans, Hugo Weaving, Hayley Atwell and Tommy Lee Jones.

10.00 Film: Pain & Gain. (2013) Premiere. Three bodybuilders make a disastrous attempt to kidnap a businessman and get him to sign over his fortune. Fact-based action comedy, with Mark Wahlberg and Dwayne Johnson.

12.30 Film: Regression. (2015) A detective finds evidence of a satanic cult when investigating a case in which a man admits to sexually abusing his teenage daughter. Thriller, starring Ethan Hawke. **2.20** Hollyoaks. Omnibus. Simone arrives at Price Slice to find it has been broken into, Darren and Mandy's affair continues as they end up kissing, and Dennis and Liberty decide Milo should leave. (R) **4.30** Village of the Year with Penelope Keith. On the Devon coast, Penelope learns about Beer's historic fishing fleet, while Alex Langlands goes native in the Welsh village of Llanllyfni. (R) **5.25** The Posh Frock Shop. A former prima ballerina seeks a dress for a VIP event. (R) **5.50** Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free. Kirstie Allsopp creates a kitchen-diner makeover. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **9.50** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.55** Peppa Pig. (R) **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.30** Access. **10.40** Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud 4. (R) **11.05** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.05** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.10** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. (R) **3.10** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. (R) **4.10** Rich House, Poor House. (R) **5.10** 5 News Weekend. **5.15** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! (R)

6.10 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! In South East London, officers Gary and Cona chase a debt of nearly £50,000 in unpaid rent, leading to a feisty confrontation with the debtor. Elsewhere, agents Gary and Paul try to recover over £2,000 owed by a teenager to a local garage in Kent, and officers Max and Paul head to South West London on the trail of a film producer who owes £8,000 to financial advisers. (R)

7.05 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! Mike Allonby and Terry Jones repossess debtors' cars in Cheshire and Liverpool, while Paul Bohill and Steve Pinner evict a couple with young children a few days before Christmas. (R)

8.00 Before They Were Stars. A trek back through the TV archive to uncover embarrassing early brushes with fame endured by some of today's biggest stars. Among those skewered are pop stars, rock legends, silver-screen icons, celebrated comedians and sporting heroes.

9.00 Gino's Win Your Wish List. Gino D'Acampo hosts the game show in which a family of five contestants choose their dream prizes, then in pairs answer questions to try to bank the items on their wish list. In the final round, two players try to secure all the prizes they have won so far – as well as a family holiday.

10.00 Celebrity Big Brother. Highlights of the housemates' past 24 hours under the all-seeing eye of Big Brother, as they try to get used to living alongside one another.

11.05 Best of Bad TV: Live & Dangerous. A collection of the biggest TV howlers caught on film, including a fire on the Blue Peter set, famous folk who think they can sing, wardrobe malfunctions and disastrous award shows. (R)

12.00 SuperCasino. **3.10** The Last Hours of Jimi Hendrix. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 Elsa the Lioness **7.30** BBC Proms 2018 **9.50** West Side Stories – The Making of a Classic **10.50** Leonard Bernstein at the BBC **11.50** Top of the Pops: 1986 **12.20** Heavy Metal Britannia **1.50** Goth at the BBC **2.50** West Side Stories – The Making of a Classic **3.50** Close

ITV2

12.00 Catchphrase **12.40** You've Been Framed! Gold **1.40 Film:** The Flintstones (1994) **2.50** FYI Daily **2.55 Film:** The Flintstones (1994) **3.30 Film:** Spy Kids (2001) **4.30** FYI Daily **4.35 Film:** Spy Kids (2001) **5.25 Film:** Star Wars: Episode V – The Empire Strikes Back (1980) **6.25** FYI Daily **6.30 Film:** Star Wars: Episode V – The Empire Strikes Back (1980) **8.00 Film:** The Mask (1994) **9.00** FYI Daily **9.05 Film:** The Mask (1994) **10.05** Family Guy **11.05** American Dad! **11.55** The Cleveland Show **12.55 Film:** Hercules (2014) **1.55** FYI Daily **2.00 Film:** Hercules (2014) **2.45** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.55** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

3.05 Film: Carry On Cruising (1962) **4.55** A Touch of Frost **7.00** Midsomer Murders **9.00** Endeavour **11.00** Vera **1.00** On the Buses **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

2.05 Storage Wars **3.05 Film:** Cahill, US Marshal (1973) **4.05** FYI Daily **4.10 Film:** Cahill, US Marshal (1973) **5.10 Film:** The Sting (1973) **6.10** FYI Daily **6.15 Film:** The Sting (1973) **7.45 Film:** Cannonball Run II (1984) **8.45** FYI Daily **8.50 Film:** Cannonball Run II (1984) **10.00** Cycling: Vuelta a Espana **11.00 Film:** Jaws (1975) **12.05** FYI Daily **12.10 Film:** Jaws (1975) **1.30** Better Late Than Never **2.30** World Cup Rivalries: Brazil v Italy **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

11.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine **12.00 Film:** Volcano (1997) **2.05** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **2.15** The Big Bang Theory **6.45 Film:** Super 8 (2011) **9.00 Film:** Prometheus (2012) **11.25** Gogglebox **1.35** Tattoo Fixers **2.40** Rude Tube: Love Bytes **3.35** Gogglebox **4.25** Rude(ish) Tube **5.10** How I Met Your Mother

Film4

11.00 Carry On Cabby (1963) **12.50** Robots (2005) **2.30** Night at the Museum (2006) **4.45** Cheaper By the Dozen 2 (2005) **6.40** About Time (2013) **9.00** Sicario (2015) **11.20** Bone Tomahawk (2015) **1.55** The Man with the Iron Fists (2012) **3.50** Close

SUNDAY'S TV AUGUST 26

CHOICE

Keeley Hawes

Bodyguard (BBC1, 9pm)
New series. A specialist protection officer is assigned to guard an ambitious home secretary who may be the target of a terror plot following her support of a controversial new surveillance bill. The bodyguard's experiences in the army have left him harbouring deep-seated resentments - which may make him a threat to the politician he is supposed to protect. Thriller, with Richard Madden, Keeley Hawes, Sophie Rundle, Pippa Haywood, Paul Ready, Nicholas Gleaves, Tom Brooke and Vincent Franklin.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** Match of the Day. (R) **10.25** Sunday Morning Live. **11.25** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Still Open All Hours. (R) **1.45** Hold the Sunset. (R) **2.15** Money for Nothing. (R) **3.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.30** Songs of Praise. **4.05** Fake or Fortune? (R) **5.05** Eat Well for Less? (R)

6.05 The Deer Stalker: Our Lives. Documentary following a man who stalks red deer in the hills near Fort William as he passes on his skills to his 15-year-old son during one of Scotland's worst winters.

6.35 BBC News.

6.50 Regional Programme.

7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker and Margherita Taylor present the show from North Wales, discovering how miniature antennas attached to bees have revealed new information about the insects' lives. Plus, Margherita joins dementia patients and their carers in a trip on the Blaenau Ffestiniog railway, Adam Henson investigates new developments in cattle farming, and John Craven is joined by judges Cerys Matthews and Simon King to announce the final 12 in this year's photographic competition.

8.00 Fake or Fortune? Fiona Bruce and Philip Mould investigate a small watercolour sketch found in a hoard of artwork stolen by the Nazis, that could be the work of sculptor Henry Moore.

9.00 Bodyguard. New series. A specialist protection officer is assigned to guard an ambitious home secretary who may be the target of a terror plot. Thriller, with Keeley Hawes and Richard Madden.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman reviews the day's Premier League action, introducing highlights of Watford v Crystal Palace and Newcastle United v Chelsea.

11.30 Supermarket Shopping Secrets. A look at how the retailers compete in the market for healthier foods. (R)

12.30 Weather for the Week Ahead.
12.35 BBC News.

BBC2

6.30 Around the World in 80 Gardens. (R) **7.30** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.30** Countryfile Live. (R) **9.30** The Beechgrove Garden. (R) **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Great British Menu. (R) **12.00** Great British Menu. (R) **12.30** Great British Menu. (R) **1.00** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) **1.45** Triathlon World Series: Montreal Women's Race. **3.15** Wastemen. (R) **4.10** Saving Lives at Sea. (R) **5.10** Tribes, Predators & Me. (R)

6.10 Film: Raiders of the Lost Ark. (1981) Intrepid archaeologist Indiana Jones goes in search of the legendary Ark of the Covenant, a biblical artefact of devastating power. His quest leads him to Egypt, where the Nazis are plotting to use the Ark to further Hitler's plans for world domination – aided by Jones's deceitful French rival. Steven Spielberg's action adventure, with Harrison Ford, Karen Allen, Paul Freeman and John Rhys-Davies.

8.00 Dragons' Den. The panel of entrepreneurs assess the profit-making potential of a range of fishing bait, a pasta home delivery service, and a scheme to make money out of rubbish. With Evan Davis.

9.00 Eight Go Rallying: The Road to Saigon. The teams head for the Cambodian border, despite serious problems with two of the cars, and head for Angkor Wat, the mysterious centrepiece of the ancient Khmer empire.

10.00 Romesh Ranganathan: Irrational Live. The comedian's first-ever live stand-up show, in which the Bafta-nominated star takes shots at everyone from his children to a stranger in a coffee shop. (R)

11.00 Man Like Mobeen. Eight learns that his father is dying. When Mobeen agrees to visit him one last time, he is unprepared for the terrible secret he learns and the favour the old man has to ask. (R)

11.20 Man Like Mobeen. An anti-Islam march comes through the neighbourhood, and Mobeen ends up sharing a police van with the leader when he takes the blame for Aks' counter-protest. Last in the series. (R)

11.45 Pump Up the Bhangra: The Sound of Asian Britain. (R)

12.45 Sign Zone: Countryfile Live. (R)
1.40 Holby City. (R) **2.40** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty. **6.10** Make It Pop. (R) **6.35** Dino Dana. (R) **6.50** Om Nom Stories. **6.55** The Oddbods Show. (R) **7.05** NinjaGo: Decoded. (R) **7.15** NinjaGo: Decoded. (R) **7.30** ToonMarty. (R) **7.40** ToonMarty. (R) **7.55** Drop Dead Weird. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Zoe Ball on Sunday. **9.25** Japandemonium. (R) **9.55** Cannonball. (R) **10.55** Ninja Warrior UK. (R) **12.00** WOS Wrestling. (R) **1.00** ITV News; Weather. **1.15** Big Star's Little Star. (R) **2.15** Catchphrase. (R) **3.00** Tenable. (R) **4.00** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. (R) **5.00** The Chase. (R)

6.00 ITV News; Weather.

6.15 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.30 Paul O'Grady's Little Heroes. Paul meets 11-year-old Fazeel, who was born with a genetic condition that causes his skin to blister at the slightest touch. Elsewhere, Paul also meets 10-year-old Aleksandra, as she undergoes pioneering craniofacial surgery to repair her cheekbone that has been damaged by cancer, and four-year-old Taheem, who needs a kidney transplant. (R)

7.00 The Chase: The Bloopers. Bradley Walsh presents a compilation of outtakes and laughs from the quiz show, featuring regular chasers the Governess, the Beast, the Vixen, the Sinnerman and the Dark Destroyer. (R)

8.00 Film: Jurassic World. (2015) Decades on from its first creation, Jurassic Park is now a fully operational attraction filled with genetically engineered dinosaurs. In need of a new attraction, the company behind the park creates an entirely new species – but it quickly escapes to terrorise the tourists. Action adventure sequel, starring Chris Pratt and Bryce Dallas Howard.

10.20 ITV News; Weather.

10.35 Larry Grayson: Shut That Door! Documentary exploring the entertainer's rise from poverty to fame, drawing on extracts from an unfinished autobiography that has only recently been discovered. (R)

12.20 Jackpot247. Interactive gaming.
3.00 Motorsport UK. Highlights from Snetterton. (R) **3.50** British Superbike Championship Highlights. Greg Haines presents action from round eight at Cadwell Park. (R) **4.40** ITV Nightscreen.
5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show. Guests air their differences. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.05 Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free. (R) **6.10** Motorsport: Volkswagen Racing Cup32. **6.35** Motorsport: British Rally Championship. **7.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Para Swimming: European Championships. **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Peng Life. (R) **1.00** Formula 1 Belgian Grand Prix Live Build Up. Steve Jones presents a preview of the 13th round of the season. **1.40** Formula 1 Belgian Grand Prix Live. Coverage of the 13th round of the season (Start-time 2.00pm). **4.30** Formula 1 Belgian Grand Prix Live Reaction. Reaction to the 13th round of the season. **5.35** Car SOS. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Flying Across Britain with Arthur Williams. Arthur's final journey takes him across the east coast, visiting a series of airfields that played a vital role in the Second World War. He gets a look at the US Air Force's F15 fighter, visits the world's oldest and grandest air academy and gets the chance to take a flight with the only aerobatic team in existence that is licensed to take passengers. Last in the series.

8.00 Hidden Britain by Drone. Tony Robinson sends camera drones to shoot more aerial footage of areas of Britain that are off limits to the public, including a nuclear decommissioning site that is still in active use and has appropriately tight security. Plus, cameras catch footage of bats up close and reveal the truth behind crop circles. Last in the series.

9.00 Film: World War Z. (2013) Premiere. A virus sweeps across the globe, turning everyone infected into mindless, ravening zombies. As entire countries fall into chaos, a United Nations investigator sets off on a journey around the world to discover the cause of the pandemic and hopefully find a cure before human civilisation is brought to an end. Thriller based on the novel by Max Brooks, starring Brad Pitt.

11.15 Film: 47 Ronin. (2013) A former slave leads a band of samurai as they battle monstrous and magical enemies in a quest for redemption. Fantasy adventure, with Keanu Reeves and Hiroyuki Sanada.

1.30 The Crystal Maze. (R) **2.25** Mobil 1: The Grid. (R) **2.50** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R) **3.45** French Collection. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Little Princess. **6.10** Wissper. (R) **6.20** Poppy Cat. (R) **6.30** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.35** The Secret Life of Puppies. (R) **6.40** Seaside Antics. (R) **6.45** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **6.50** Simon. (R) **7.00** Peppa Pig. (R) **7.05** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.15** Thomas & Friends: Thrills and Spills. (R) **7.30** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.45** Rusty Rivets. **8.00** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.15** Pirata & Capitano. **8.30** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **8.50** Floogals. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.30** Digby Dragon. (R) **9.50** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.55** Peppa Pig. (R) **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.35** Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R) **10.55** Police Interceptors. (R) **11.45** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.40** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.40 Film:** The Prince of Egypt. (1998) Animated Biblical musical, with the voice of Val Kilmer. **2.40** Access. **2.45 Film:** The Prince of Egypt. (1998) Concluded. **3.50 Film:** Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End. (2007) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Johnny Depp. **4.50** 5 News Update. **4.55 Film:** Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End. (2007) Concluded.

7.00 Worst Celebrity Pop Songs Ever. A countdown of the 40 most memorable musical efforts by celebrities who have decided to diversify into music. The programme features performances by Mr T, Katie Price, Vinnie Jones, Sam Fox, Eddie "The Eagle" Edwards, David Hasselhoff, an assortment of soap stars and Christopher Lee, who embarked on a second career as a heavy-metal singer in his '80s. (R)

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Celebrity Big Brother. The ups and downs of life in the BB house as friendships and alliances are made, battle lines are drawn and arguments erupt.

10.00 Film: The Bodyguard. (1992) A former secret service agent acts as a bodyguard for a famous singer who is being persecuted by an obsessed fan. Romantic thriller, starring Kevin Costner and Whitney Houston.

11.00 Access.

11.05 Film: The Bodyguard. (1992) Concluded.

12.35 Film: Whitney Houston: A Tragic Love. (2015) **2.10** SuperCasino. **3.10** Frozen: Cryonics. (R) **4.00** My Mum's Hotter Than Me! (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Simon Rattle: The Making of a Maestro **8.00** BBC Proms 2018 **10.00** Arena **11.00** Chuck Berry in Concert **12.00** Sings Stevie Wonder **1.00** Sex, Chips and Poetry: 50 Years of The Mersey Sound **2.00** The Secret Life of Landfill: A Rubbish History **3.30** Close

ITV2
12.35 Ninja Warrior UK **1.35** You've Been Framed! Gold **2.40 Film:** The Smurfs 2 (2013) **3.40** FYI Daily **3.45 Film:** The Smurfs 2 (2013) **4.45 Film:** Star Wars: Episode VI – Return of the Jedi (1983) **5.50** FYI Daily **5.55 Film:** Star Wars: Episode VI – Return of the Jedi (1983) **7.30 Film:** Rock of Ages (2012) **10.00** Family Guy **11.25** American Dad! **12.25** The Cleveland Show **12.50** Ghosted **1.20** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records: Bonkingly Big Hits **2.10** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3
5.00 Lewis **7.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** Wire in the Blood **12.35** Princess Diana: A Life After Death **1.35** A Touch of Frost **3.20** Road to Avonlea **5.05** Judge Judy **5.25** ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4
11.00 Live British Touring Car Championship. Round eight. **6.15** Barcelona's European Glory **6.30** Pawn Stars **7.00** Cycling: Vuelta a Espana **8.00** River Monsters **9.00 Film:** The Specialist (1994) **10.05** FYI Daily **10.10 Film:** The Specialist (1994) **11.15 Film:** Cannonball Run II (1984) **12.15** FYI Daily **12.20 Film:** Cannonball Run II (1984) **1.30** Minder **2.30** Football's Greatest: Johan Cruyff **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4
12.15 Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **12.30** The Goldbergs **2.00** Young Sheldon **3.00** The Big Bang Theory **6.35 Film:** The Day After Tomorrow (2004) **9.00** Krypton **10.00** Fear the Walking Dead **11.00** Gogglebox **12.10** The Big Bang Theory **1.05** Krypton **2.05** Fear the Walking Dead **3.00** Rude Tube **3.25** Hollyoaks

Film4
11.00 Shark Tale (2004) **12.55** Small Soldiers (1998) **3.15** Johnny English (2003) **5.10** Titanic (1997) **9.00** Fantastic Four (2015) Four scientists return from another dimension granted unusual powers, which they use to defend the Earth. Superhero adventure, starring Miles Teller. **10.55** Iron Man 2 (2010) **1.20** Yakuza Apocalypse (2015) **3.40** Close

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The property occupies a superb rural location in the delightful hamlet of Little Onn just one mile north of Wheaton Aston and the amenities therein.

This detached country residence enjoys picturesque views over surrounding countryside. This sale is giving a unique opportunity to acquire a property with equestrian facilities on site including stables, tack room and paddock of approximately one acre.

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Set well back from the road and approached via a gated driveway, the accommodation includes a charming open reception hall with a bespoke staircase, a living room with a brick fireplace and wood burning stove, a separate dining room, a utility, hardwood double glazed conservatory and a feature breakfast kitchen with an extensive suite of matching units including an Aga range cooker.

On the first floor, the open galleried landing leads to the master bedroom which has a dressing area and a spacious en-suite, guest bedroom with en-suite shower room and two further bedrooms with a family bathroom.

At the side of the property is a detached triple garage with a useful workshop/hobbies room over. There is also a useful gardener's garage at the rear.

The mature fully stocked surrounding gardens have also been landscaped to provide a pleasant outlook with the feature of a coppice/animal pen at the front.

The property has hardwood double glazed sash windows and oil central heating.

LITTLE ONN £649,950

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14 LANSDOWNE AVENUE , CODSALL, WOLVERHAMPTON

£600,000

Situated in one of the most sought after locations in Codsall, convenient for the majority of amenities including Codsall train station, this charming period detached property has been extensively extended and restyled to create a most impressive and spacious family home. Thoughtfully redesigned to retain the charm and appeal of a period property whilst creating tastefully appointed accommodation:

Reception Porch * Entrance Hall * Dining Room * Living Room * Sitting Room * Breakfast Kitchen * Utility *Cloakroom * Garage * Conservatory * Galleried Landing * 4 Bedrooms * Master Luxury Ensuite & Balcony * Family Bathroom * Second Floor Landing with Study Area * 2 Further Bedrooms * Mature Good Size Rear Garden *EPC E

27 CRANMERE AVENUE, TETTENHALL, WOLVERHAMPTON

£400,000

Occupying a choice position in a favoured residential area, this distinctive detached property also has the benefit of a mature good size private rear garden providing the most pleasant outlook whilst maintaining the maximum privacy. The extended accommodation further comprises:

Porch to Entrance Hall * Fitted Cloakroom * Open Plan Dining Room with Staircase * Through Living Room * Breakfast Kitchen with matching suite of units * Rear Lobby * Utility (Provision to create an Open Plan Dining Kitchen) * Tandem Garage * First Floor Galleried Landing * Four Double Bedrooms * Good Size Master Ensuite * Modern Family Bathroom * Mature Landscaped Gardens with Good Size Rear Garden * Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing * No Upward Chain * EPC Rating D

5A WHEEL AVENUE, CODSALL, WOLVERHAMPTON

£349,950

Occupying a choice position in a small private drive this distinctive detached property is within easy walking distance of Codsall Village and the amenities therein. Designed to a well-planned specification utilising the maximum space and incorporating a host of features throughout.

Entrance Hall * Fitted Cloakroom * Front Living Room * Rear Dining Room * Open Plan Breakfast Kitchen with smart matching suite of modern units * Utility * First Floor Galleried Landing * Four Bedrooms * Ensuite Shower Room * Family Bathroom * Good Size Driveway providing Off Road Parking * Garage * Enclosed Mature Rear Garden * Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing * EPC Rating C

4 SUTHERLAND ROAD, GOLDTHORN PARK, WOLVERHAMPTON

£299,950

Situated in a popular residential area convenient for the majority of amenities and within easy access of the city centre this four bedroom two bathroom detached property has been extensively extended and refurbished to create an excellent example of a family house. The attractive and modern interior includes:

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20 CHURCH HILL ROAD, TETTENHALL, WOLVERHAMPTON

£299,950

Situated in one of the most sought after locations in Tettenhall and within easy walking distance of the Village, this characteristic end terraced residence is a fantastic example of its type providing spacious and well planned living accommodation. Restyled by the present owners to incorporate a host of attractive features, adding to the charm and appeal of this delightful property.

Entrance Hall * Front Sitting/ Dining Room * Rear Living Room with French window overlooking Rear Garden * Fitted Kitchen with matching suite of units including integrated appliances * Downstairs Bathroom * Utility * First Floor Landing * Three Double Bedrooms * Shower Room * Carport Providing Off Road Parking * Good Size Mature Landscaped Rear Garden * Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing * No Upward Chain * EPC Rating D

CHERRY CROFT, MIDDLE LANE, OAKEN, WOLVERHAMPTON

£285,000

Situated in the small select Hamlet known as Oaken, less than a mile away from Codsall Village Centre and the amenities therein, this deceptive detached bungalow has been extended to provide well planned living accommodation. Internal inspection is highly recommended to appreciate this excellent example of its type

Reception Porch * Dining Hall * Living Room * Shower Room * Kitchen with matching suite of units & Side Porch * Two Double Bedrooms * Conservatory * Enclosed Rear Garden with outbuilding that could be used for a multitude of purposes * Side Driveway leading to Garage* EPC Rating D

92 GREEN LANE, CLAREGATE, WOLVERHAMPTON

£179,950

An excellent example of its type and situated in a popular residential area convenient for the majority of amenities, this traditional semi-detached property has been restyled to provide a most attractive contemporary interior with a number of charming features throughout.

Entrance Hall * Open Plan Dining Kitchen with a matching suite of modern matt grey units * Front Living Room * First Floor Landing * Three Bedrooms * Modern Bathroom * Enclosed Rear Garden with full width paved Terrace * Large Paved Driveway providing Off Road Parking * Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing * EPC Rating C

55 WOODHOUSE ROAD NORTH, TETTENHALL, WOLVERHAMPTON

£145,000

Situated in a popular residential area convenient for the majority of amenities and within easy access of the city centre this traditional mid terraced property has been designed to utilise the maximum space and is a fine example of its type. The accommodation further comprises:

Entrance Hall * Fitted Cloakroom * Through Living Room * Breakfast Kitchen with matching suite of units * Rear Double Glazed Lobby * First Floor Landing * Bathroom * Three Bedrooms * Enclosed Rear Garden * Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing * EPC Rating D

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THE SPINNEY, FINCHFIELD
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CYGNET CLOSE, COMPTON
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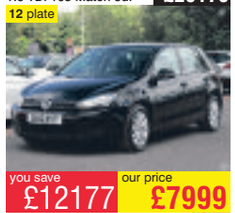

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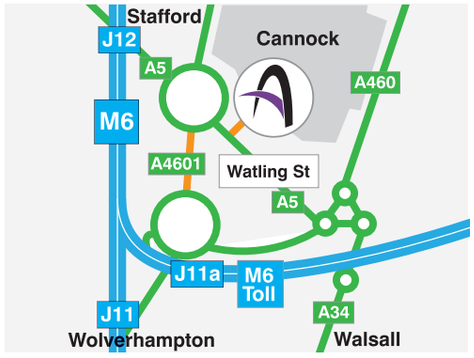

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MG unveils latest addition to range

By Sharon Walters

MG Motor UK, the UK's fastest growing car manufacturer, has introduced the new MG3 – the latest addition to the iconic British brand's rapidly evolving product range. Replacing the brand's current MG3, which sold over 10,000 units in its four years on sale, the stylish supermini is a natural evolution, bringing it into MG's new design family, first seen with the MG ZS compact SUV.

Demonstrating its faith in the build quality and reliability of its products, MG has extended its 7 year/80,000-miles warranty to new MG3. The new warranty really adds to new MG3's value-for-money offering, making it one of the most attractive packages on the market. Fully-transferrable to future owners, the comprehensive warranty gives great reassurance to MG buyers.

Daniel Gregorious, head of sales and marketing, at MG Motor UK, said: "New MG3 is another example of how we're creating fantastic value-for-money packages across the range.

"Our 7 year warranty, high specification, competitive pricing, strong finance offers and fantastic design really set new MG3 apart in the supermini segment."

There are three different versions offered in the new MG3 line-up; the entry grade 'Explore', mid-grade 'Excite' and the 'Exclusive' at the pinnacle of the range. The whole New MG3 range comes packed with a host of exciting technology. All versions come with Bluetooth as standard, while 'Excite' and 'Exclusive' versions have an 8" colour touchscreen with Apple CarPlay™, DAB radio and steering wheel audio controls. The 'Exclusive' version adds a reversing camera with dynamic guidelines, completing an exceptional value-for-money package.

The brand's famous octagonal logo

Starting from just £9,495 for the entry level 'Explore', the stylish new MG3 offers a considerable benefit over its rivals in both purchase and running costs, with the 'Excite' and 'Exclusive' versions costing £11,395 and £12,795 respectively. New MG3 is also available on a 5-year, 0% APR finance package with no deposit required from the customer.

The design of the car has also undergone an extensive update, inside and out. One of the key design features of the new MG3 is the dynamic new face of MG, featuring the eye-catching 'star-rider' grille which perfectly frames the brand's famous octagonal logo. On the inside, the design team has worked wonders to create a practical, spacious and stylish interior.

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New MG3 has one of the roomiest cabins in the supermini segment, with class-leading head and leg room for five adults to ride in comfort.

The boot space is also impressive for a car in this category, with designers managing to optimise the space so that it has a staggering 285 litres of capacity.

Gregorious continued: "We're delighted with what the design team has been able to create with the new MG3.

"The stylish and sporty good looks certainly won't fail to turn heads, and with the backing of our comprehensive 7 year warranty and a 0% finance offer, we're confident that new MG3 will be flying out of our dealerships in no time."

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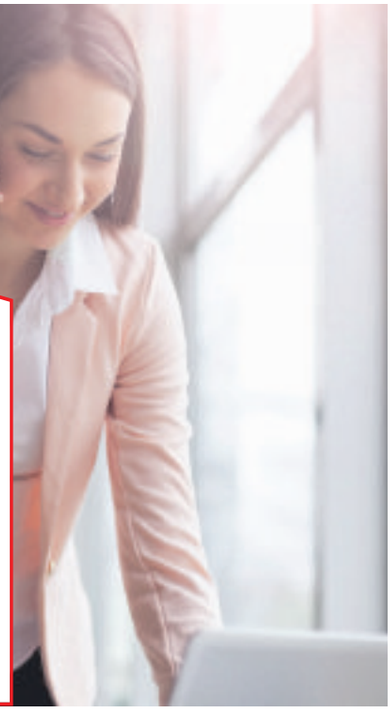
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The all-conquering Walsall side with Archer, centre, front row, as captain

A Walsall team picture rom 1976. Archer is on the far right end of the front row

Nick Archer with a famed picture of the 1976 team

Archer is handed a commemorative bat after a Lord's win over Chorley

Archer raises his bat to a half-century of service

NICK ARCHER celebrated countless half-centuries during his playing days – but it's doubtful any gave him as much pride as his latest one.

The bat, pads and gloves may have been discarded a few years ago but that hasn't stopped the former Walsall and Staffordshire batsman chalking up another milestone.

Archer, 62, is currently enjoying his 50th season of Birmingham League cricket as player and administrator.

On the field, he enjoyed a stunning period of success with the all-conquering Walsall side of the 80s and 90s. He won the Birmingham League title nine times skippering the side for five of those and a National Knockout success at Lord's in 1996.

Meanwhile Staffordshire, under the guidance of Archer, were the strongest Minor County side in the country at that time.

And when he decided to end his playing days, he took the lead role for the league by becoming general manager in 1999. It's a position he still fills today as the league gets set for the biggest shake-up in club cricket in 20 years.

Shake-up

It all began for Archer as a 13-year-old when he made his debut for Walsall's second team in 1969. But, at the time, cricket wasn't his number one sport, rugby was – and he wasn't bad at that either!

"I first played in 1969, in the second XI when I was 13 against Moseley. I batted number 10 and I got nought not out," recalls Archer. "I can't remember the exact circumstances why I played, but I started to play more regularly the following year.

"But I only ever played half-seasons until I was 18 because I went to Queen Mary's School in Walsall and they scheduled fixtures on a Saturday afternoon. I played in the first team for the first time in 1971. Then I played a few more in 1972 when we won the league."

The following year saw Archer play regularly for the first team. His promise earned him a call for Staffordshire and also attracted the attention of the first class counties. But the oval ball still came out on top, and there were no thoughts of becoming a professional cricketer. "In 1975 I went to Lougborough University. I also played rugby for them, so that also curtailed my cricket a bit," he added. "In 1974, I didn't play at all because I was picked to go on tour with the England under-19 rugby team.

"That was a bit of a watershed year for me cricket wise, because at that time I'd had invitations to play for a couple of county second XIs – Derbyshire and Warwickshire – but I couldn't fulfil them in. Cricket was very much a second sport, really, until the early 80s."

As a fly-half or full-back he played for Moseley who, with the game an amateur sport, played in the country's top division.

"Looking back, cricket wise, and at what I eventually did with Minor Counties and Walsall, I have no regrets whatsoever."

Archer also enjoyed a successful career outside of cricket, in advertising and marketing, that eventually saw him run David Archer Associates, a company set up by his father. And while business was going well, the cricket was going even better as Walsall ruled the roost locally and Staffordshire nationally. "I won the title nine times as a player and I was skipper for five of those," he said.

"The 90s was a big era of success. We won the title in 92, 94, 96, 99 and also beat Chorley in the National KO at Lord's in 96. It was very enjoyable at the time to play in a very good side and to be a major cog in it, both as captain and as a player. It was a very, very strong side and the fact that we won National Knockout in 1996 while our first, second and third teams all won their leagues, we had a very reasonable claim to be the strongest club in the country at that time."

Archer played a key role as he accumulated nearly 11,000 top flight Birmingham League runs – a Walsall record. He claimed a unique double in 1989 as he finished top of the league and Minor Counties batting averages.

Not surprisingly, the appearances at the home of cricket are highlights – he also led Staffordshire out there in 91, 92 and 93, missing out on three successive Minor County Championship and KO doubles when they lost to Devon in 92.

But he has played against some of the world's best down the years, and two encounters with West Indies fast bowlers Sylvester Clarke and Malcolm Marshall while on duty with Staffs stand out.

"I opened with Steve Dean for Staffs against Surrey. Deany used to run to the wicket to make sure he took the first ball and I was quite happy to let him do it with Clarke bowling.

Opening

"We ran a three off the first ball. Clarke's opening spell was six overs and I faced five overs and five balls of of it! I ended up scoring 45 as a makeshift opener with Dickie Bird umpiring, which was an experience in itself.

Taking the various Test match players he crossed swords with out of the equation, three players stand out for Archer during his playing days.

"The two outstanding batters for me were Steve Dean and Roy Virgin at Walsall," he adds. "Roy came to Walsall straight from county cricket and he was a real narled ex-pro. He taught more about batting than anyone else.

"Ability wise, Deany was as good a batsman as I have ever played with and Keith Arnold was the best bowler I played with. They played in same team for nine to 10 years which was the bedrock of our success."

Archer decided to call time on his league career when the league came calling with the offer of a general manger role. He helped smooth the league's expansion that saw promotion and relegation introduced and eventually saw it go from one division to four. And now he is ready to oversee another revamp that will see the league cut to two divisions next season.

SPORTING FEATURE

By Nick Elwell

It was very enjoyable to play in a very good side and to be a major cog in it, both as captain and as a player.

Trampolinists spring into action for contest

THE 2018 Trampoline, Tumbling & DMT British Championships springs into action at Arena Birmingham next month.

Spectators can witness the return of history-making Olympic silver medal trampolinist Bryony Page on home soil, as she takes on stiff competition from world team bronze medallists Laura Gallagher and Kat Driscoll. Nathan Bailey and Luke Strong will go head-to- head for the men's senior trampoline crown, while disability trampoline gymnasts will also perform exhilarating routines in a bid for medals.

The senior tumbling teams will be led by 2018 European champion Lucie Colebeck, and her team-mates Yasmin Taite, Kristof Willerton, Greg Townley and Elliott Browne.

DMT gymnasts in action include newly-crowned Junior European team champions and individual senior gold medallist Kirsty Way.

The competition takes place on September 22 and 23. Tickets are on sale now via www.theticketfactory.com or by calling 0844 33 88 222.

Soap stars line up for charity match

CELEBRITIES from some of the nation's most popular soap operas will lace up their boots for a charity football match in Walsall.

Stars from Emmerdale, Hollyoaks and Coronation Street will line up on Sunday at Rushall Olympic against The Midcounties Co-operative, which organised the event.

Soap stars taking part include Ashley Taylor-Dawson and Jacob Roberts, better known as Darren Osborne and Damon Kinsella from Hollyoaks, Alan Halsall who plays Tyrone Dobbs in Coronation Street, and Anthony Quinlan, aka Pete Barton in Emmerdale. Fans can meet and greet the stars at the end.

Money raised will go towards local charities including sexual exploitation prevention charity Street Teams, Alzheimer's support groups ALZ Café and Monthly Alzheimer's Support Evenings as well as blind and sight loss support centre, Beacon Vision. Kick off is 2pm and entry is £8 adults, £5 children with family discounts available. Details and tickets on 07508 398092.

Trio net their place in national tournament

THREE Wolverhampton athletes have netted a call-up for the Severn Stars squad at the School Games at netball.

The School Games are a national multi-sport event for the UK's most talented school-age athletes and take place at Loughborough University from August 30 to September 2.

All three girls are 15 and attend Wolverhampton Girls High. They are twins sisters Halee and Rudee Robinson, who play for Yendys Netball Club, and team-mate Lucy Toor, who also represents Wasps Netball Club.

More than 1,400 athletes will compete across 11 sports, five of which disability disciplines. The Wolverhampton trio will follow in the footsteps of some of Britain's biggest sporting stars who have competed at the event before going on to senior international success.

Previous competitors include Paralympic champions Hannah Cockroft, Ellie Simmonds and Jonnie Peacock, Olympic champion Adam Peaty, heptathlete Katarina Johnson-Thompson and sprinter Adam Gemili.

Keeper Jamie in 'dream move'

Jamie Pardington signing for Wolves

NEW teenage signing Jamie Pardington has spoken of his 'dream come true' having signed for Wolves from non-league outfit Rushall Olympic.

The 18-year-old shot-stopper was snapped up by Wolves after completing pre-season with their Under-18s over the summer.

He has been tipped for success by his former boss Mike Dunn who coaches Rushall's Under-18s and Under-23s.

Pardington, from Aldridge, said: "This is a dream come true for me. I have been waiting for this my whole life. I always wanted to be a footballer since I started playing when I was seven.

"It was quite a shock when I completed my signing. The hard work comes now and I hope I can take this opportunity."

Pardington has penned a one year deal and played his first game on Saturday for the Under-18s where Wolves lost 3-2 against Everton.

He hopes to break into the Under-23s side, but says Wolves might loan him out half way through the season to gain more match experience.

Joining Wolves has been a big step up on the footballing scale. Rushall play in the Northern Premier League, which is step seven on the English football pyramid, while Wolves are Premier League.

Pardington has enjoyed getting used to his surroundings at Wolves' Compton training ground.

Slim victory closes gap at bottom of league

WOLVERHAMPTON closed the gap at the bottom of the Birmingham League Premier, dragging Walsall into the battle to avoid the drop.

A narrow four-run victory over Dorridge means Wolverhampton are now just eight points adrift of their Black Country rivals, who lost by six wickets to Berkswell.

Trevor Keen top scored for Walsall with 43 in their total of 174 at Berkswell who eased home with 45 from Tom Lewis and an unbeaten 40 from Chris Whittock.

Will Cook (78) and Dan Bassett (26) were the only two Wombourne batsmen to reach double figures at Streetly in division two taking them to 161 all out but Streetly enjoyed a comfortable six-wicket victory.

Rugby earned a four-wicket victory at The Bush in division three, after chasing down Pelsall's total of 193. Bloxwich ended on 175-8 in pursuit of Rugeley's 228 in the Staffs Clubs Championship. Aaron Allcock and Jeremy Scott took three Rugeley wickets each.

Whittington scored 282-7, with Omar Ali top-scoring on 69, against Aldridge, who were bowled out for 150 in reply to lose by 132 runs.

Walsall YPF were bowled out for 105 by Cannock Seconds, who won by four wickets. Highcroft & Great Barr's 220-9 was beaten by Rugeley Seconds, who won by nine wickets. Rushall went down by seven wickets after being dismissed for 196 by Highcroft & Great Barr 2nds.

Monmore men put paid to champions

WOLVERHAMPTON produced a tenacious performance at Monmore Green to comfortably see off reigning champions Swindon 53-37 on Monday night, writes Ryan Guest.

The hosts may have been without skipper Rory Schlein and reserve Nathan Greaves, but clever use of rider replacement saw the Monmore men seal another crucial three league points as the gap at the top of the Premiership got tighter.

It was an impressive all-round display with all six of Wolves' riders contributing at least one race win apiece. And the hosts sent out a statement of intent right from the off.

Kyle Howarth drifted Troy Batchelor wide in the first few bends to create a path up the inside for Sam Masters who charged under his Australian compatriot down the back straight.

Advantage

And Wolves doubled their advantage in the very next race as Ashley Morris flew away from the tapes while guest reserve Tom Bacon stood his ground on the outside of the opening turns despite a strong challenge from Jack Smith.

Masters maintained his unbeaten start and Nick Morris claimed back-to-back race wins in heats four and five for the visitors.

The lead was soon extended when the Swindon No.5 was unable to make it three wins on the spin as Andersen and Howarth did their hard work in the opening lap of the sixth for a third 5-1 of the evening.

Bacon claimed his maiden race win in the top flight in heat eight with a brave move on the outside line, before stand-in captain Thorssell rose to the occasion with four straight victories. And it was the Swindon No.4 who denied his former side an even bigger victory, taking the chequered flag in the final two races.

Wolverhampton were due to head to King's Lynn this week.

Mick cuts it with shirt of two halves

Lifelong Wolves fan Mick Stanley, owner of Stanley's Barber models his new-look shirt

OLD gold and...white? One barber had the shock of a lifetime when his boss asked him to take the scissors to his brand-new Wolves tops.

Mick Stanley, owner of Stanley's Barbers in Wolverhampton, asked head barber Hayden Gard to take charge of a different kind of cut – his 2018/19 Wolves shirts.

"There's nothing Hayden can't cut, he is literally a cut above," Mick said.

"When I asked him to cut my shirts he was shocked but I was confident in his skills."

Despite spending the full £100 for both shirts, Mick was determined to stand out from the crowd and have the two tops fused into one. He said: "I like both shirts and they look great together. At first I didn't take to the home top but together with the away one it's perfect.

Mick, 59, has been a Wolves fan since he was 14

Promotion joy for the young city athletes

TALENTED youngsters from Wolverhampton and Bilston Athletics Club have made an immediate return to the Midland Premier Division for next year.

The Under-20 and Under-17 men's and women's team won their play-off final at Moorways Stadium in Derby.

Success comes after the return of women's team manager Clova Court, who competed in the heptathlon for Great Britain at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, and men's team manager Claudio Albanese.

"Clova and myself have a great understanding of youth athletics for the club in our roles as coaches," said Albanese. "We pride ourselves on nurturing new members to compete and play there part in what has been a fantastic season for the youngsters.

Formed in 1924, the club once boasted Olympic, World and European international athletes but it is at the grassroots level where it is now getting more recognition with its youngsters.

Not content with running against other athletes or racing against the clock, athletes from Wolverhampton & Bilston decided to compete against something a little different in the annual Race The Train event in Tywyn, on the mid Wales coast.

Ben Pilsbury was first back for W & B finishing well ahead of the train in 43rd place in 1.40.30. Dave Norman came home in 1.42.06 to take 50th place, before the train came in.

Urgent call for replacement Sunday team

A SUNDAY football league has made an urgent plea for an extra team ahead of the new season.

Wolverhampton-based Beacon Sunday League has a vacant position and is keen to recruit another side before the campaign starts on September 2. Contact 07964 730275.

One of the division's well-established clubs has pulled out at short notice in what the league's general secretary David Clinton called a 'late blow'.

He said: "It's really important to us and a lot of work goes on behind the scenes. This (losing a team) has thrown the balance out the window. We'll work very closely with any new side to give them the help and support needed."

First round draw for the JW Hunt Cup

THERE were 29 teams in the draw for this season's JW Hunt Cup, with three sides given a bye to the second round.

Tividale, Wolves Sporting, Black Country Rangers and Rushall Olympic Under-21s are among the sides to take part. Matches will be in August, September and October, with AFC Bridgnorth, Highgate United and Hawkins Sports the teams given byes into the second round.

Full first-round draw: Bilston Town v Alvechurch, Bustleholme v Rushall Olympic Under-21s, Sporting Khalsa v Wrens Nest, Wednesfield v FC Darlaston, Brocton v Paget Rangers, Atherstone Town v Prees, Warstones Wanderers v Darlaston Town, Tividale v Lye Town, AFC Wulfrunians v Sikh Hunterrs, Lichfield City v Willenhall Town, Heath Hayes v Lane Head, Wellington Amateurs v Wolverhampton Sporting Community, Old Wulfrunians v Black Country Rangers.

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Ex-players role for Wolves great John

MOLINEUX goalscoring great John Richards has been named the new vice-chairman of the Wolves Former Players' Association.

Richards netted 194 times in 487 games in old gold and said he is honoured to have joined the 30-year-old association.

"I am delighted to be joining the Wolves' Former Players Association as vice-chairman, and once again linking up with so many former teammates who have become close friends," he said

"Wolves is such a special club, and it is no coincidence that so many of us who spent many years sharing a dressing room stayed in the local area after finishing our careers and continue to regularly meet up.

"We are all well aware of the role of Wolves and indeed football out in the community, and that is why one major feature of the WFPA moving forward will be to ensure that we do everything we can to support local charities and good causes wherever possible."

Richards went on to be managing director at Wolves and also served as head of leisure services at Cannock Chase District Council after hanging up his boots in 1985.

He is now part of a committee of the WFPA which also features Wolves heroes Steve Daley – now the WFPA's player liaison – John McAlle, Phil Parkes, Geoff Palmer and goalkeeper turned pundit Matt Murray.

England 1966 World Cup-winning squad member Ron Flowers is president.

Mike Bailey, skipper of the 1974 League Cup-winning Wolves side, is chairman.

Traore –just what the Doc ordered

MATT DOHERTY has hailed Wolves' record signing Adama Traore as 'unplayable' – as he said integrating the club's new signings won't be a problem.

Traore is stepping up his fitness as he recovers from a dislocated shoulder, suffered 10 days before he made an £18 million move from Middlesbrough.

Doherty faced the Spaniard last season and believes he and Wolves' many new signings will settle in quickly.

"We played against him last season and at times he's unplayable – I've not seen that type of running with the ball, pace and power, from anyone," Doherty said. "The recruitment's been good, the club has brought in some very good players and I'm sure the manager will get us all to gel.

"Last season he did that with the new signings so it won't be a problem."

Irishman Doherty says confidence is high in the Wolves camp as they build on their momentum from last year's title success. However, the wing back, who stated he thought Wolves would win the league after their opening-day win over Middlesbrough last year, isn't making a prediction for the campaign ahead.

"That could come back and bite me. I think we'll be good, confidence means a lot in football and it's pretty high at the moment. We know it's not going to be easy, it will be tough. But that's why we're in the league, we want to be challenged.

"It's a bit like the Championship, every game is hard, but the difference in the Championship is you can go to places and think you can definitely win there, or at home almost a guaranteed win. This year it's a bit more 50/50 and whoever plays better on the day will win."

PROUD OF MY BOYS – NUNO

NUNO Espirito Santo is pleased with Wolves' start to the Premier League, despite only picking up one point so far.

The Wolves boss was 'proud' of his team's performance after losing 2-0 to Leicester – but admitted he was not happy with the final result.

The 44-year-old Portuguese is aiming to build on his success from last season, after winning the Championship title, and wants to implement his way of playing in the Premier League.

Results haven't gone Wolves' way so far, having drawn against Everton and lost to Leicester.

But asked if he was satisfied with their start to England's top flight, Nuno said: "Last week we drew, this week we lose. But we are playing the way we want, the team has a lot of things to improve, this is our job, and we will do the maximum of our strengths.

Deflection

"I am proud of the boys because this is the way we want to be ourselves in every pitch."

Wolves fell behind at Leicester after an own goal from Matt Doherty, before James Maddison's long-range strike found the bottom right corner, helped by a deflection off Conor Coady.

But Wolves created more chances and struck the woodwork three times. And while Nuno felt Wolves were unlucky, he also believes they need to be more clinical in the final third.

One cause for optimism was the good performance of debutant Adama Traore. Traore was Wolves' record signing for £18 million and is known for his superior pace and dribbling abilities.

They were even presented with the advantage of an extra man for the final 24 minutes after Jamie Vardy was sent off for a nasty challenge.

But, try as they might in what was an attack-versus-defence training drill, they couldn't force Kasper Schmeichel into a meaningful save.

Jamie Vardy is sent off as Matt Doherty writhes in agony

Penalties at the double as U23s win

Wolves U23 4 Albion U23 1

WOLVES beat 10-man Albion 4-1 to earn their first win of the season and claim the local bragging rights.

Benny Ashley-Seal and Niall Ennis scored two first-half penalties, both conceded by Nathan Ferguson, who was sent off for picking up two yellow cards.

Ashley-Seal bagged his second goal in the second half before Pedro Goncalves made it four with a top-corner finish. Kyle Edwards finished off the proceedings, scoring three minutes from that but that proved a mere consolation.

Both teams started energetically, but Albion looked the more threatening early on. Wolves upped the tempo and were awarded with a penalty after 17 minutes, when Nathan Ferguson brought down Niall Ennis in the penalty area. Ashley-Seal stepped up and fired the ball home.

Wolves doubled their lead on 38 minutes after Albion conceded another penalty. And it was Ferguson again who committed the foul, receiving a second yellow card and was sent off. Niall Ennis shot into the bottom left corner, which Palmer saved, but Ennis reacted to the rebound and slotted home.

Wolves continued their attacking play and were soon 3-0 up thanks to Ashley-Seal, who bagged his second of the game on 60 minutes.

Wolves were not finished though and Goncalves got his own goal on 82 minutes. Albion came back with a consolation goal in the 87th minute.

Injured Cavaleiro 'weeks on sidelines'

WOLVES winger Ivan Cavaleiro faces several weeks on the sidelines with a troublesome back injury, it is understood.

The 24-year-old has been in and out the squad in recent weeks as he's been struggling with the problem.

And with no solution forthcoming, it's thought he's been told he must rest for a month – meaning a likely absence of at least six weeks. Cavaleiro suffered the injury while doing gym work in pre-season. The winger missed the season's opening-day 2-2 draw with Everton at Molineux.

Cavaleiro mostly featured from the bench in pre-season amid speculation he was set to be sold, particularly after Wolves spent a club record £18 million on Adama Traore from Middlesbrough.

Nuno said of him: "He's injured. He had a problem in a training session a couple of weeks ago.

"He needs to rest. First, he needs to feel free of pain, then we can start training him again."

Now players hope to reign in Spain

WOLVES will send players to Spanish third tier side FC Jumilla as part of an official partnership.

The likes of Sylvain Deslandes, Aaron Simpson, Ryan Leak, Will Randall and Ming-Yang Yang are currently out in Spain training and playing for the Spanish Segunda División B outfit.

Jumilla, who also have Chinese owners, will send coaches and staff to Wolverhampton in return. Wolves sporting director Kevin Thelwell has been out to visit Wolves' players in Spain. He said: "We are always looking at ways in which we can improve and develop our young players and we believe this partnership is a natural next step for Wolves.

"Many Premier League clubs have similar relationships with overseas sides, and it will provide our young players with an opportunity to play men's football in a more challenging and stimulating environment than we can sometimes find for them in the UK."

Players to hit road in the Carabao Cup

WOLVES begin their Carabao Cup quest with a trip to Championship outfit Sheffield Wednesday.

Nuno Espirito Santo, whose side get their campaign under way at the second-round stage in the week starting August 27, had the opportunity to watch Wolves' hosts in action as the Owls downed Sunderland.

Albion play hosts to League Two Mansfield Town. Steve Bruce's Villa make the short trip to the Pirelli Stadium to tackle Burton Albion.

League One Walsall welcome League Two new-boys Macclesfield Town to the Banks's Stadium.

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Recruiting for Year 10 and Sixth Form for September 2018

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Join a school with a difference

Take a virtual tour on our website www.westmidsutc.co.uk

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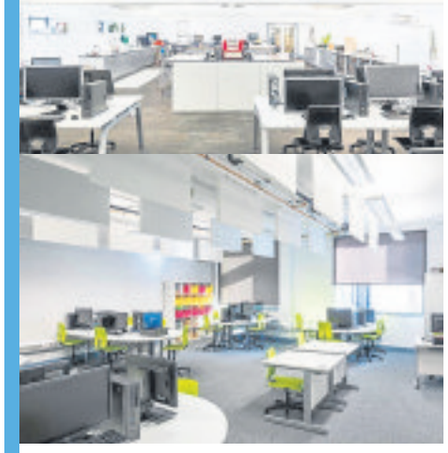

Creating the Young

20% of our Students go on to app

The West Midlands UTC is a school with a difference. Alongside a traditional curriculum, we offer our pupils the chance to develop their career ambitions, learning specialist skills in exciting areas: Design, Build and Innovate.

This unique approach to education gives 14-18-year-olds professional skills and unrivalled opportunities; whether they're using a hi-tech robot for programming, building a smart home from scratch or working on live design briefs for potential future employers, using the very latest software.

As our reputation for innovation and excellence grows, I am very proud to be leading this school. We have an outstanding new building at Springfield Campus in Wolverhampton, with spacious design studios, classrooms and workshops featuring advanced equipment which inspires young minds.

Working closely with the University of Wolverhampton, professional bodies and business partners, we are fully committed to helping young people achieve their goals. Our passion and drive is giving pupils aspirations and confidence, as well as the attributes essential for a modern workplace.

We are recruiting now for Year 10 and Year 12 starters. Take a virtual tour on our website, then come and see us for yourself at our Open Days and find out more.

I look forward to meeting with you.

Av Gill

Principal

We are extremely pleased that Ofsted's judgements have confirmed that the UTC is a GOOD school with OUTSTANDING Personal Development and Welfare.

What Ofsted said about our school ….

"Since his appointment to school in September 2017, the principal has provided clear, authoritative leadership"

" The school's sixth form is well led. All aspects of sixth-form provision are of a high quality"

"Staff have high expectations of students who are mature, confident and articulate"

" The school is exceptionally successful in developing key employability skills such as communication and team working. Students are very well prepared for the world of work when they leave"

" Relationships are strong across the school. Teachers know their students well. Students like and trust their teachers. Consequently, students are not afraid to take risks or attempt challenging tasks, secure in the knowledge that they have their teachers' and their students' support

Professionals of the Future

renticeships against a national average of 5%

WE ARE INNOVATE.....

We are bringing in the latest developments in technology such as software development, the internet of things and 3D design. One of our Computing facilities is the 'Making Space'. It is fitted out with some of the latest maker technologies, 3D printer, laser cutters, Arduino (programmable micro controllers) and an array of electronic maker kits.

DESIGN

Students develop a full range of design and Computer/CAD skills in preparation for industry and university, using the very latest software.

They create a useful portfolio of work which can be used for interviews at the next stage in a career in a design related field. Opportunities to work with architects and designers give our students real insight into the professional world, and strong future employment links.

We regularly exhibit students work at Wolverhampton Art Gallery and other venues. This year, for the first time, we will also be hosting an end of year exhibition of student's practical outcomes at our very own Springfield Campus.

BUILD

We offer a professional approach to the world of construction, with hands-on experience and the chance to develop key skills in architectural drawing, CAD and construction industry reports to support a number of future career options.

Fancy a future career in architecture? During construction design you will use industry standard computer software to enable you to produce high quality visualisations of your hand drawn designs.

UTC Extra

Enriching our curriculum offer with exciting opportunities...

At West Midlands UTC we do so much more than just studying for qualifications and offer an extensive enrichment program, including sports: football, badminton, table tennis, basketball, boxing, gym, kick boxing and karate as well as offering chess, Minecraft and film review and other worthwhile activities to engage students. We have sponsorship from Lovell and Redrow for football and basketball teams, and compete in Wolverhampton school competitions.

As part of our UTC Extra offer we facilitate life drawing, portraiture and drawing with a difference, including printmaking, textiles and sculpture work. Our students have opportunities to work alongside university students with lecturers in workshops at the school of art and design.

In addition, we offer Combined Cadet Force (CCF) and Adventure Training. This is a Ministry of Defence sponsored youth movement that instils British military ethos as well as encouraging physical fitness, moral courage, and self-discipline. We have field-days and overnight exercises We take advantage of the generous Adventure Training packages offered by the military.

West Midlands UTC also offers the chance to take part in the Duke of York Award.

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Working in Partnership with...

The University of Wolverhampton is working in partnership with West Midlands UTC to nurture students and inspire them for Higher Education. Those who satisfy the entry criteria will be guaranteed a place on a University degree or a fast track to a Higher Apprenticeship.

The University degrees have outstanding employability rates of 96% (100% for those that undertake the additional sandwich option). The sandwich year will be free of University fees.

The Higher apprenticeship provides a direct route to a BSc (Hons) qualification in careers for construction and property professionals, civil engineering, architecture & design and environmental Sciences, allowing students to earn as they learn. For this route you will need to find an employer before applying;the University and the UTC will support you through the process.

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Equivalent to 2 A 'Levels

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- **Practical Based Course taught by highly qualified Coaches.**
- **You will have opportunities to continue further studies at School.**
- **You will be studying at Walsall Campus 2 days per week, so you will gain a real insight into University life.**
- **You will have opportunities to gain experience working in primary schools.**
- **This qualification can provide routes to University or apprenticeships.**
- **This Qualification is supported by professional bodies. (AfPE) (scUK)**

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